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### World

Japan earthquake: Officials warned of further damage in quake-hit southern Japan on Tuesday as heavy rains and aftershocks threatened to dislodge grounds already loosened two days earli-by a powerful magnitude-7.0 temblor

that killed one and injured hundreds. Japan's Meteorological Agency issued a warning for heavy rains of up to 3.2 inches, warning for neary rains of up to 3.2 inches, saying they could trigger possible land-slides around Fukuoka city. A strong magnitude-5.1 aftershock also hit the area Tuesday afternoon, but Fukuo-

ka nolice said there were no immediate reports of additional damage. Officials said there was no danger of a tsunami

Mad cow in Italy: Two cows in northern Italy have tested positive for mad cow disease, the first cases detected this year, the Health Ministry said Tuesday.

The ministry said analysis confirmed a positive result in a 9-year-old cow from a breeding farm in the countryside of Brescia and in a 12-year-old cow in Cuneo. The number of cases detected in the country since testing began in 2001 has risen to 126

Kosovo's disputed status: Germany's Defense Minister called Tuesday for Kosovo's disputed status to be resolved quickly and pledged to keep his country's peacekeepers in the province until the issue was solved.

German Defense Minister Peter Struck, who flew to Kosovo for a brief visit after spending time with troops in neighboring Bosnia, said that 2,500 German peacekeep-ers will stay as part of the NATO-led peace-keeping force, but urged action to end the province's political limbo

Afghan fighting: Police confronted a group of suspected Taliban guerrillas in southeastern Afghanistan, sparking a gunbattle in which one rebel was killed and another arrested, an official said Tuesday.

A police officer also was wounded in the clash Monday morning in Mizan district of Zabul province, district chief Rahmatullah Khan said.

Kyrgyzstan protests: Opposition supporters and police formed joint patrols to keep order in a southern city of Kyrgyzstan where protesters have seized government offices, and President Askar Akayev pledged Tuesday he would not impose a state of emergency despite demonstrations over alleged election fraud.

Akayev's statement — a day after opposition protesters took control of the southern city of Osh and several other towns peared aimed at avoiding an escalation of tensions in the country, where memories of police killing six demonstrators in 2002 are

### **States**

Letterman plot: A man pleaded not guilty Tuesday to plotting to kidnap David Letterman's 16-month-old son and nanny and hold



Dorm fire trial: Donna Dugas, left, mother of defendant Lucas Goodrum, is embraced by her husband Bruce Dugas, on Monday in Owensboro, Ky., after Goodrum was found not guilty in the murder of Katie Autry, 18. Autry was found in her Western Kentucky University dorm room raped, beaten and burned on May 4, 2003. She died three days later. "I'm just happy justice has prevailed today," Goodrum said at a news conference.

them for \$5 million ransom

Kelly Frank, 43, faces felony charges of solicitation and theft and a misdemeanor charge of obstruction. The judge ordered him to remain jailed on bail pending his next court appearance on April 5.

**Lodge explosion:** Despite heavy snowfall, embers still glowed in the rubble of a mountain lodge Monday as authorities began searching for the bodies of three children killed when a fiery explosion leveled the remote building

The victims were identified as Leslie Ann Bilbrey, 12, Isaac Michael Watkins, 2, and Jamie Marie Reade, 16. All were part of the same extended family that had been visiting the lodge, family spokesman Dale Harper said in a news release issued by St. Mary's Hospital in nearby Grand Junction, Colo. The statement did not list their relationship or hometowns, and Harper declined to com

Prison standoff trial: Defending himself against charges stemming from a 2004 prison hostage standoff, an inmate told jurors Monday he participated in the takeover because he wanted to transfer to another lockup closer to his family in Michigan.

Prison officials agreed to transfer convicted armed robber Ricky Wassenaar to a prison in Wisconsin in a deal that ended the standoff at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis on Feb. 1, 2004

Presidential election hearing: The state's election chief told lawmakers at a sometimes-testy congressional hearing that Ohio's presidential election went as smoothly as possible, given the resources available and some last-minute interpretations by state and federal courts.

Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell testified Monday before members of the U.S. House Administration Committee during a special hearing at the Ohio Statehouse. Members of the committee peppered Blackwell with questions about provisional bal-lots, long voting lines and other issues in the election that gave President Bush the 20 electoral votes he needed to capture re-elec-

### Business

WorldCom lawsuits: The last former WorldCom board member in a lawsuit brought by investors in the collapsed company agreed on Monday to pay \$4.5 million out of his own pocket to settle the claim.

The settlement reached by Bert Roberts, a former chairman of WorldCom, brings to \$24.75 million the total 12 former board members are paying personally to settle the class action suit

Insurers for the 12 are kicking in an additional \$36 million.

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## Correction

The headline on a story in Tuesday's editions misidentified the 69th Transportation Company, which was leaving Germany for a deployment in Afghanistan.

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# **Base expansion is more than meets the eye**

# Grafenwöhr-area theaters transforming training philosophy, Hertling says

BY BEN MURRAY Stars and Strines

GRAFENWÖHR, Germany - The commander at the center of the biggest base expansion in U.S. Army Europe's transformation said this week that new units, new services and new training techniques are changing more than just the physical make-

up of Grafenwöhr-area bases. An expected Stryker Brigade, an initiative to export American training and a focus on new techniques will be the basis of an evolved training zone that will leave the concept of the Grafenwöhr area as a maneuvering playground behind Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, commander of the 7th Army Training Command, said Tuesday.

The new model calls for facilities at Grafenwöhr, Hohenfels and Vilseck to be grouped under a single conceptual umbrel-la. They will be known as a "joint main operating base," anchored by a yet-unnamed Stryker Brigade at Vilseck and a slew of support units — to be called "theater-enabling commands" housed Grafenwöhr, he said.

Hertling projected that three of the brigade-size commands would include engineer and military po-lice forces, and be backed at Grafenwöhr by a number of smallmedical, transport

maintenance units he said But Hertling cautioned that a decision on the future of who will take up residence

at Vilseck — currently occupied by the 1st Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade - likely will not be announced officially until some time early this summer. "Right now, it's not firm what's going to happen to [3rd Brigade]," Hertling said.

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activated and moved to a new base, inactivated completely or kept right where it is. However, he said the third alternative is not a high probability.

He said the existing plan is to keep Vilseck and Hohenfels at their current sizes, while Grafenwöhr balloons to become one of the brightest gems in the Army's European crown

The isolated, 1,200-soldier garrison in northern Bavaria is about halfway through preparations for the expected influx of about 3,500 new active-duty troops and their families. The construction project will cost \$600 million to \$700 million when completed in 2009.

The base is also the center of Grafenwöhr officials' plan to make the Army's European training program less static, and move away from its image as a large, fixed installation for armored maneuvers.

Giving the facility a new name, the Expe-

to take their training capabilities on the road, transporting training programs and equipment to other bases in Germany and countries throughout Eastern Europe. Rough plans are also in the works for a program to train soldiers while they are in combat in the field, Hertling said, and Grafenwöhr officials have also set up mobile classrooms to train troops outside the garrison's gates.

It's part of a philosophy that Hertling said is the future for Army training in Eu-

"My guidance to the guys that work in 7th ATC is: When you think about training, don't think about anything being nailed down," he said. "If it can't move somewhere else, then we've got to rethink how we do it.'

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# Choosing the right ATM could save you money

By TERRY BOYD Stars and Strines

BAUMHOLDER, Germany -As the dollar wastes away against the euro, the money-savvy know that the automatic teller machine can dispense help - or some seri-

If the declining dollar - down about 38 percent since 2002 isn't bad enough, some soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen and Department of Defense civilians may be losing additional purchasing power by not paying attention to how much the ATM is taking. rather than giving out

The convenience of running to the German banks' ATMs for a quick 20 euros can be costly.

Many - if not all - German banks add a hefty fee for ATM transactions if you're not an ac-count holder. Sparkasse, Deut-sche Bank and Dresdner Bank, for example, all charge 2 percent of the total value of the transaction, or a minimum of 5.11 euros. At the March 22 Community Bank exchange rate of \$1.3699 to buy one euro, that quick 20 euros takes \$27.40 plus a \$7 ATM fee. By comparison, that 20 euros cost a total of \$27.40 at a Community Bank ATM, which charges no ATM fee

Using the ATM at base banks, credit unions or military-affiliated banks, or their ATM network affiliates may be the way to go for Americans. Typically, ATM exchange rates are better than consumers get changing money at the teller window, or writing a check, according to Lee Brookman, spokesman for United Services Automobile Association, the San Antonio-based insurance and banking company. USAA members using USAA

debit cards or credit cards re-

ceive the Mastercard or Visa International Exchange Rates. which are usually more favorable than rates received when exchanging dollars for foreign currency or using traveler's checks, Brookman said

For bill payers, a more important number than the dollar/euro exchange rate may be the num-ber — if any — of ATM transactions consumers get without pay-

ing a fee, as well as the German banks add

ner-transaction limit. Because if con sumers don't use their own bank or credit union's ATM, the owners of other machines charge a fee of at least \$1, and per haps much

That can be important for Americans pay

more

ing their landlords euros, or paying other bills on the economy. For example, getting 1,500 euros monthly for rent and utilities may take three ATM transactions for those with \$500 limits. Those three transactions might cost you as much as 2 nercent of each transaction, or a total of 30 euros

But you can easily avoid these

"As a member of the Pentagon Credit Union, I pay \$5 per month" for a checking account, Ron Conlon, a civilian employee at Grafenwöhr, wrote Stars and Stripes in response to a March 18 story on euro/dollar exchange rates. "That fee allows me not only to bank online but it also allows me to use Cirrus ATMs without charging any usage fees.'

That \$5 fee basically covers the cost of providing Internet banking, said Mary Lynn Stevens, vice president of external relations for Pentagon Federal Credit Union in Washington, D.C.

The Service Credit Union's ATM card "is the best way to get foreign currency anywhere you go that there are Cirrus ATMs,"

Frank Leitnaker, a retiree living in Miesau, west

of Ramstein. The Service Credit Union gives account holders three transactions ner month on non-Service Credit Union ATMs, compared to none at Community Bank,

added

Neither cus tomers nor noncustomers pay a fee to use Community Bank ATMs, according to information submitted by Overseas Military Banking officials in Virginia. The overseas banking system, part of the Department of Defense, oversees Community Bank, which is operated by Bank of America.

Community Bank charges account holders network fees anytime they use a non-Community Bank ATM, standard practice by banks and credit unions throughout the United States and overseas, according to Overseas Military Banking officials.

By comparison, Service Credit Union offers a Service Plus checking account that gives account



If you need some quick euros, using ATMs at base banks, credit unions or military-affiliated banks will eliminate costly fees. gives members 10 free withdraw-

holders three free transactions each month on non-credit-union ATMs if the account holder has direct deposit. That includes German banks operating on the same ATM network as Service Credit Union, according to Deborah Emery, in the marketing department of the member-owned credit union's overseas headquarters at Pulaski Barracks in Kaiserslau-

An even better deal may be US-AA's checking account, USAA als per month from non-USAA ATMs in foreign countries. Brookman said But to some extent, the compar-

isons are apples and oranges, depending on a person's overall financial needs. Neither Pentagon nor USAA has actual branches in Europe, whereas Service Credit Union and Community Bank have operations at nearly every base in Germany.

# Military officials revising off-limits lists

# In Europe, both Army and Air Force act to protect their consumers

BY STEVE MRAZ Stars and Strings

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — U.S. servicemembers, civilians and their families will soon have an up-to-date and accurate list of businesses that have been deemed off limits in Europe by military of-

A pair of lists set to be released next month will provide the first look in at least two years at shady businesses and individ-

The current U.S. Army Europe off-limits list and a list covering the Kaiserslautern military community, provided by Air Force officials, have numerous inaccuracies. Both lists contain businesses that went under years ago.

The most recent off-limits list provided by USAREUR is dated Feb. 27, 2003, and expired Feb. 27 this year. None of the businesses on that list in the Kaiserslautern/Ramstein area were still operating as of last October, according to Stars and Stripes research.

However, USAREUR is updating the list, and it will include businesses near military installations across Europe. The new list is due out in late April.

"It was time to update the list, and we were taking corrective action," said Percy Morgan, military police policy adviser for USAREUR'S Office of the Provost Mar-

USAREUR has a biennial requirement to update the off-limits list. It asks communities across Europe for changes every six months and publishes the changes every



TEVE MRAZ/Stars and Stripes

A new car dealership in Kaiserslautern, Germany, has taken over the building that previously housed a car dealership that is currently on the military's off-limits list. The new company, which is not on the list, moved into the building in September 2002.

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two years.

Specifically for the Kaiserslautern military community, an armed forces disciplinary control board met March 2 to make changes to the list, said Maj. Mike Young, chief public affairs officer with the 435th Air Base Wing in Ramstein. Included in that meeting were Air Force and Army personnel. The new list for the military community should be released in early April. Young said.

"The whole idea behind this is to keep track of businesses and individuals who have been alleged of committing unlawful acts," Young said. "Ultimately, the list is there to protect consumers."

U.S. military personnel are prohibited from using the businesses or having business dealing with the individuals on the list. Those who violate the mandate are subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilians are cautioned that the establishments have been listed as off limits

Businesses receive several warnings before they are placed on the off-limits list and also have a chance to appeal complaints lodged against them, Young said.

"Steps are usually taken by the business, and the matter is resolved before it gets on the banned list," Young said. "That's probably why the list is so

small."

Only eight businesses and two individuals are on the Kaiserslautern military community list provided by Young.

But Auto Galerie,

But Auto Galerie, one of the businesses on that undated list, went under at least

Bauer A new car dealership houses the building formerly occupied by Auto Galerie, but
the new company's address on Im Hader-

wald near the entrance to Pulaski Barracks is still on the list. The new dealership opened in September 2002. Rudy Bauer, a car salesman at the new dealership, was quick to note that the previ-

ous tenant had left.
"He's gone," Bauer said. "He had tax
problems. Maybe that's the reason why he
was on there."

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# Mannheim High senior wins scholarship in VFW contest

## Meeting President Bush a highlight for DODDS-Europe finalist

BY JESSICA INIGO Stars and Stripes

A senior at Mannheim High School in Germany won \$3,350 in scholarship and prize money and the opportunity to meet President Bush as the result of an audio essay produced for a national competition. Tina N. Weekley's essay for

Ilina N. Weeterly's essay in the 2004-05 Veterans of Foreign War's Voice of Democracy contest won the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe competition and qualified her for the national contest held this month in Washington.

"The money is great and the scholarship is great, but the real highlight was meeting the president," Tina said in a telephone interview from her high school Tuesday.

"Even if I hadn't won the money or scholarship, it would have all been worth it just to meet the president."

Tina first won on the local, then district and then Europe-wide levels. She recorded an essay that competed with 54 others on the national level for a \$25,000 scholarship. She ended up winning the \$2,500 Troy and Sandy Rothbart Memorial Scholarship Award.



Tina N. Weekley

She said she was initially awestruck by the president, but managed to shake it off during a question-and-answer session. She said the president shook hands with each student and then spoke to them on topics such as the Middle East, nation-building and the White House administration.

Tina was ranked 10th in the national competition. About 80,000 students across the United States and overseas took part in the annual contest.

She plans to use her scholar-

ship to further her education in politics, and plans to attend West Virginia University.

"I've been thinking about what I want to do a lot lately. My future is coming upon me," she

Initially, she said, she wanted to attend a military academy, but, since breaking a leg, has changed her mind. Now she is looking at political careers that would lead her to become a senator for her home state of West Virginia or a career in journal-

Her decision not to enter the military is unfortunate, according to retired Lt. Col. Robert Molinaro, the senior Army instructor for the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in Mannheim, since she is doing so well in the program.

program.

Molinaro wrote of Tina, the JROTC executive officer. "Her rapid rise above her peers result-ed from her scholarship, positive spirit, organizational skills, and 'can-do' attitude." In his e-mail, he also said she has won awards for academics, physical fitness, community service, leadership and marksmanship.

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# Army: Vials in Honolulu house contain pesticide

The Associated Press

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Glass vials whose discovery led to the evacuation of three homes in a Honolulu neighborhood contain a 1950s ozone-depleting pesticide banned in most parts of the world this year, Army officials said Monday.

Army officials had initially feared the liquid may have been dangerous chemicals from a kit used to teach soldiers how to handle chemical weapons, because the 76 ampules were discovered in a house that had belonged to a former Army chemical officer.

A team of experts from the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground determined the vials contained methyl bromide, a pesticide that has been used for decades to sterilize soil and clear it of any fungus, weeds, worms or bacteria

that could threaten crops.

Methyl bromide was slated for
a worldwide ban in 2005 under

the Montreal Protocol, an international agreement to reduce the use of substances that deplete the earth's protective ozone layer.

The United States in November was among a dozen nations that won continued "critical use" exemptions from the phase-out.

Methyl bromide is sold by the pound in canisters for agricultural use, according to Robert Boesch, the pesticides program manager for the state Department of Agriculture. Until recently, it was used in Hawaii in pineapple fields, he said.

The Army formerly used methyl bromide in glass ampules to delouse clothing, said Mary Markovinovic, spokeswoman for U.S. Army, Pacific. They would place the clothing in a bag with the ampule, break the ampule and leave it for about an hour, she said. The home where the ampules

The home where the ampules were found had belonged to retired Army Col. Ernest Thomas, who died last year at age 86.

### Brig. Gen. Bailey set to give speech at Landstuhl

Air Force Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey is scheduled to give an 11 a.m. speech Thursday at Heaton Auditorium at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany.

Bailey's speech is in conjunction with Women's History Month. The event is open to all military personnel. Bailey is commander of the 435th Air Base Wing, Ramstein Air

Bailey is commander of the 435th Air Base Wing, Ramstein Air Base, and commander of the Kaiserslautern Military Community, Germanv.

From staff reports

# Marines to sign safety pledge before leave

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — With the Marine Corps facing a spike in off-duty accidents, all Marines must now sign a pledge promising to be safe before going on leave.

"Essential to our mission, I pledge to maintain my commitment with a constant display of honor and professionalism," reads the pledge. "I will plan ahead, minimize risks to my safety and return from leave prepared to continue 'the fight."

The new policy, announced in a Corps-wide message, also will require immediate supervisors to swear they are confident their Marines will carry through on their promise.

The idea, officials say, is to raise safety awareness, help Marines remember they're Marines 24-7 — even while on leave — and highlight accountability.

"This forces the onus of responsibility down to the individual Marine, holding him or her accountable for their actions," said Lt. Col. Brad Cantrell, a top Marine Corps safety officer.

The new "Leave Pledge" comes after 55 Marines have died in off-duty mishaps over the past 12 months.

"The toll these accidents have taken in lives and on operational readiness was a major topic of discussion" among a recent gathering of general officers, according to the policy message, signed by Assistant Commandant Gen. W.L. Nyland.

Returning from the meeting, Marine Forces Atlantic commander Lt. Gen. Martin Berndt tasked five of his Marines to come up with an idea that might help curb

the problem.

Taking a page from the playbook used by high schools to fight prom night drinking, the four corporals and a sergeant crafted the leave pledge.

"We wanted something that would make Marines think," said Cpl. Terrence Harrell, one of the five tapped by Berndt. "Everyone knows when your name is on the bottom line, you've got to stand by it."

Harrell said he couldn't førget a buddy on Okinawa who was nearly killed a few years ago in an off-duty car accident during a 72-hour pass when a drunken driver slammed into his car. The only reason the Marine survived, Harrell said, was because he remembered to wear his seat belt.

But many forget.

Safety briefings now have become so commonplace, he said, for many Marines "it just goes in one ear and out the other. We wanted this pledge to be a wake-up call, not the death of a fellow Marine."

Their pledge was so well received by the brass, Marine Corps commandant Gen. Mike Hagee decided to adopt it Corps-wide.

"The implementation of this policy will further emphasize the importance of safe and professional conduct by all Marines, both on and off duty, and is a vitally important tool for improving safety awareness and preserving overall combat readiness," Nyland wrote.

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# Corps struggling to limit accidents

Marine Commandant Gen. Mike Hagee is charging all Marines to do more to reduce accidents —

both on duty and off Less than halfway through the fiscal year, the Corps already has failed to meet accident prevention goals in one category and is tracking to go over in the rest. Hazee wrote in a recent Corps message.

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"We have a responsibility to become actively engaged in stopping the reckless and thoughtess behavior that leads to mishags." We need to take have the result of the result o

more of total property damage.

Among the goals and where the Corps stands so far:

Off-duty — Goal: 32 Class-A accidents or less

o far: 23.

Ground operational — Goal: 10 or less. So far:

■ Aviation – Goal: 7. So far: 3

"By far, our greatest challenge is preventing vehicle mishaps both on-duty and off-duty," wrote

Hagee. "At headquarters, we use mishap numbers and rates to gauge our success at mishap reduction," wrote Hagee. "However, this is not just about reducing mishap numbers and rates. It is about leadership and taking care of each other as Marines."

### The Leave Pledge

Marine:

I. (Rank, Full Name), recognize the contribution I make to my fellow Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines of (Unit Name), my brothers and sisters throughout the Marine Corps and Marines and Sailors deployed in defense of freedom around the world. Essential to our mission, I pledge to maintain my commitment with a constant display of

honor and professionalism.

I will plan ahead, minimize risks to my safety and return from leave prepared to continue "the fight."

(Signature of Marine)

Supervisor:

I. (Rank, Fall Name), have confirmed that (the requesting Marine) has an acceptable plan Marine) has an acceptable plan Marine) has an acceptable plan for leave and fully understands the valuable contribution every Marine makes to our nation. I am confident that heishe will take the necessary steps to minimize risks and bring honor to our Corps and country while enjoying this well deserved break from the daily routine. I recommend approval.

(Signature of the first Marine in approval chain)

Source: Marine Corps

# Army drops in for pit stop at NASCAR race

# TV announcers, pace car arrive in Army copter

BY AMANDA L. BOSTON

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — NASCAR fans went wild Sunday as Arm Special Forces showed off their own expert driving, maneuvering an MH-47 Chinook helicopter onto Atlanta Motor Speedway to drop off the pace car for the Golden Corral 500.

Plans had been in the works for nearly three months for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) out of Fort Campbell, Ky, to make the special delivery during pre-race ceremonies, said racetrack director of events Brandon Hutchinson

"There is always some kind of military involvement — from flyovers to color guard — in pre-race festivities here at Atlanta Motor Speedway," Hutchinson said. "We like fast and loud fly-bys. Anything to get the fans pumped up."

More than 50,000 race fans saw the heavy assault chopper piloted by Green Berets land along the front stretch of the 1.54-mile track to drop off its cargo: the pace car and television analysts Darrell Waltrip and Jeff Hammond.



TIM PARKS/Special to Stars and Stripe

Members of the Fort Campbell, Ky-based 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) direct "NASCAR on Fox" television analysts Darrell Waltrip and Jeff Hammond while they unload the official pace car of the Golden Corral 500 from the back of an MH-AT Chinook helicopter at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday. It was the second consecutive year the military took part in pre-race celebrations in Atlanta.

"Anyone who has had the opportunity to share some time with our military personnel can tell you that we are under the protection of some of the finest men and women in the country," Hammond said in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

"I was honored to take part in the exercise and am extremely thankful for all that they sacrifice on our behalf." Leading the Special Operations demonstration this year was Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Air commandos from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Navy SEALs from the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Command, San Diego, also were honored during the ceremonies. "NASCAR races are such a logical place to build community relations," said Kelly A. Tyler, spokesperson for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. "Races are great recruiting events."

In addition to the Chinook helicopter, other aircraft taking part in the event included an MH-60 Black Hawk, an MH-6 Little Bird helicopters and an MC-130 Combat Talon aircraft. Sunday's demonstration was the second-straight year members of the Army, Navy and Air Force took part in pre-race celebrations at the Atlanta event.

Earlier this year, a Florida sailor who served in Iraq was named honorary starter of NASCAR's Budweiser Shootout at Daytona International Speedway.

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# **Training** connects former enemies

# U.S. efforts to build Iraqi army persist

BY DAVID ZUCCHINO

Los Angeles Times

RACHDAD hen Brig. Gen. Karl Horst fought during the invasion of Iraq two years ago, he didn't bother learning the names of Saddam Hussein's generals.

"I didn't care who they were - we were going to kill them," he said.

Last week, during a parade-ground ceremony at the Baghdad airport, Horst kissed the whiskered cheeks of an Iraqi general who once was awarded the country's highest military honor by Saddam himself.

The airport scene, where top U.S. commanders shared roast chicken and rice with several former officers of the dictator's army, brought into sharp focus the new military reality here. American generals are embracing former enemy le aders many of them once banned from the new Iraqi army by U.S. authorities, but now courted as partners in building an effective Iraqi fighting force.

Today, the top priority of U.S. commanders is training the Iraqi army and police to one day battle the country's insurgents on their own. As U.S. officers frequently tell reporters, "Our job is to train ourselves out of a job.

The last time U.S. trainers tried to rebuild an Arab army in the midst of a sectarian war and terrorist attacks - in Lebanon in the early 1980s - the effort failed

The obstacles in Iraq are enormous. Saddam, paranoid about coups, kept his army units isolated and unable to communicate U.S. trainers say Iraqi soldiers have little concept of officer accountability or a non-commissioned officer corps with effective authority and leadership.





Many have refused orders to fight, and when they do fight, their fire is often undis-

Both U.S. and Iraqi commanders are so concerned about ethnic rivalries that they refuse to provide ethnic breakdowns of the new army's makeup. Saddam's army was dominated by Sunnis and was used to crush Shiite and Kurd uprisings. The new army has more Shiites and Kurds than Sun-- prompting fears by Sunnis that they will be targeted for retribution.

For U.S. commanders trained to confront the enemy, the ambitious program is a departure from the traditional focus on combat. The training of foreign armies is normally left to U.S. Special Forces, who are assisting in the Iraqi program.

On Feb. 21, just as new American units were replacing outgoing troops in the third rotation since the invasion, an Iraqi army brigade was put in charge of its own "battle space" for the first time

About 1.500 soldiers of the 40th Brigade took responsibility for a swath of central Baghdad that includes the insurgent strongholds of Haifa Street and the Adhamiya district.

The brigade conducts operations on its wn, U.S. commanders said, although it is still under the overall command of an American general

'Embedded" U.S. trainers remain with the battalion as advisers but do not direct operations, U.S. officers said. U.S. forces stand ready to assist the brigade. "This is a very significant event - it rep-

resents a fundamental shift toward Iraqi self-sufficiency," said Horst, assistant com-mander of the 3rd Infantry Division, which took over control of central Baghdad from the 1st Cavalry Division in late February. "It's a tough assignment. Haifa Street is

like the bar scene in 'Star Wars,' " he said. "There are lots of scarv people around Courtesy of the Defense V

and interpreters train Iraqi army soldiers at the Iraq Civil Defense Corps Academy in Baghdad in January 2004. Efforts to build a self-sustaining fighting force are a major focus of U.S. exit strategies. As U.S. officers frequently tell reporters, "Our job is to train ourselves out of a job." Left: Pfc. Zachary Morrison, from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division,

Above: First Armored Division instructors

patrols Baghdad's Haifa Street with soldiers from the 303rd Iraqi Army

Battalion. Many Iraqis wear masks while on patrol for fear of reprisals against themselves or their families

Elsewhere, Iraqi soldiers routinely pa-trol with American units.

Many wear hoods or masks because of assassination threats by insurgents. In recent months the insurgency has shifted its focus of attacks away from U.S. units to Iraqi army and police targets, particularly new recruits. Thousands have been killed or seriously wounded.

At the Baghdad airport ceremony, American and Iraqi generals marked the forma-tion of the 41st Brigade. U.S. trainers are working with 215 Iraqis in the brigade's headquarters company, the first of 5,000 brigade soldiers to be trained to patrol eastern Baghdad in the coming months.

As the Iraqis and Americans finished their shared meal, there was a sudden reminder of what they're up against: A rocket and two mortars slammed down nearby, causing no casualties but sending the new soldiers, and their trainers, scattering for cover.

## SEAL's abuse court-martial postponed SAN DIEGO — A judge postponed court-martial proceedings for a Navy SEAL accused of prisoner abuse in a

case that implicates the CIA in a gruesome death at the Abu Ghraib prison.

The SEAL lieutenant is accused of punching an Iraqi detainee in the arm and allowing his men to abuse the prisoner, who later died during CIA interrogation at the prison in Iraq.

The trial was postponed Monday by a naval judge to give attorneys time to resolve several issues, including how they will use classified material and witnesses. A new trial date was expected to be scheduled for May or June

Through his attorney, the lieutenant pleaded not guilty to all charges and requested a trial with a jury of Navy of-

To protect the safety of terrorist-hunting SEALs, the Navy is identifying the lieutenant and fellow commandos in the courtroom by the first letter of their last names — a step experts on military law say is virtually unprecedent-

## Mud-wrestling soldier discharged

NEW YORK — The Camp Bucca flasher returned to her North Carolina home Monday after being booted from the military for baring her breasts during a wild mud-wrestling party at the U.S. Army's main prison in

Pvt. Deanna Allen, forced out of the military with a general discharge, said she may appeal the ruling because it will deny her some veterans' benefits.

"They are taking away my college and that has me very upset." Allen told the New York Daily News, "I plan to file an appeal.

The 19-year-old military police prison guard made headlines around the world after The News published photos of her flashing her breasts as she wrestled in a mud-filled pool with other scantily clad women soldiers.

Male GIs gawked and snapped pictures The episode took place Oct. 30, in the same period when enemy detainees were being transferred to Camp Bucca in southern Iraq from Abu Ghraib, the prison made notorious by photos of Americans torturing naked

## Trial begins in death of Afghan detainee

EL PASO - An attorney for a soldier accused of beating an Afghan detainee to death in 2002 said his client should not be held solely responsible because authority

figures used the same tactics.

Pfc. Willie V. Brand of the 377th Military Police Company is charged with involuntary manslaughter, maiming, assault, maltreatment and false swearing.

The Cincinnati man is accused of killing a man identified only as Dilawar at the main U.S. detention facility in Bagram, Afghanistan, by destroying his leg muscle tissue with repeated knee strikes

On Monday, the opening day of Brand's Article 32 hear-ing, attorney John P. Galligan said Brand's superiors ei-ther directly knew or should have known about the use of the knee-strike technique. He said records and testimony will show that others in positions of authority also used the practice.

The hearing, being held at Fort Bliss, Texas, will determine whether the case is referred for a general court-martial. It is expected to last two to three days.

# Roadside bomb targets U.S. patrol Ukraine

# U.S. delegation meets with al-Jaafari

BY EDWARD HARRIS The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Militants in the northern city of Mosul targeted a U.S. patrol with a roadside bomb Tuesday that killed four civilians, and officials in the south found the corpses of six Iraqi soldiers, their hands bound and their bodies riddled with bullets.

The U.S. patrol was hit by a homemade bomb in a northwestern neighborhood of Mosul, damaging a Humvee as it crossed a bridge, hospital officials said, cit-

Four civilians near the blast were killed, the officials said.

It was unclear whether any American troops were hurt, and U.S. military officials were not immediately available for comment.

Gunbattles erupted in the streets of the southern Baghdad neighborhood of Dora, where militants wearing black hoods and riding in three cars opened fire on people shopping along a main thoroughfare. Shopkeepers and residents returned fire, killing three assailants. A man, woman and child were injured and taken to a hospital.

Iraq's next likely prime minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, indicated to a U.S. congressional delegation that he was in no hurry to have U.S.-led coalition troops leave

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said al-Jaafari was not as "upbeat as our people, who seem to be very excited about the quality of the Iraqi police force.

"My sense was, he was certainly in no rush to hand over security to his new police force," Boxer said during a visit to Baghdad.

The U.S. military reported the death of a Marine in a restive western province. The Marine, assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, was killed in action Monday in Anbar province, the



U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., left, shakes hands Tuesday with Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the likely next Iraqi prime minister, during a visit by a U.S. congressional delegation in Baghdad. Al-Jaafari indicated to the delegation that he was in no hurry to have U.S.-led coalition troops leave

U.S. military said. In Mosul, a convoy of security officials was ambushed late Monday, sparking a gunbattle that

killed 17 militants, said Col. Wathiq Ali, deputy police com-mander. No security forces were hurt. Ali said.

# troops to leave Iraq

BY NATASHA LISOVA The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — President Viktor Yushchenko has signed an order for the withdrawal of Ukraine's troops from Iraq, the head of the country's security council said Tuesday — cementing a pledge by the new leaderbring back to 1,650-strong force.

Ukraine began pulling out its servicemembers from Iraq last week and plans to complete the withdrawal of its troops by the end of the year. The ex-Soviet republic, which first sent troops to Iraq in September 2003, provided the sixth-largest contingent in the IIS aled coalition

Eighteen Ukrainian soldiers have died in Iraq and more than two dozen have been wounded, fueling public dismay about the unpopular deployment.

More than 130 soldiers returned home last week, and Ukraine plans to withdraw an additional 550 soldiers from Iraq by May 15 and the rest of the origin nal contingent by the end of the year, the Defense Ministry has

The head of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, Petro Poroshenko told a news conference Tuesday that in a formal move the president had signed an order making the withdrawal irreversible.

"The president has signed the plan for a staged withdrawal of our peacekeeping contingent from Iraq," Poroshenko said. "The plan is a very carefully crafted document which details the terms of the Ukrainian pullout from Iraq.

The end date for the pullout will be "fixed after consultations with the other coalition members" and the Ukrainian contingent is likely to leave Iraq in November or December, Poroshen-

The troop pullout was one of the new president's campaign promises.

Ukraine strongly opposed the U.S.-led war but later agreed to send a large contingent to serve under Polish command in central and southern Iraq.

Ukraine's participation in the U.S.-led coalition is deeply unpopular at home, but Yushchenko has said Ukraine should keep a presence in Iraq and take part in development and reconstruction efforts there.

Last year, Ukrainian companies were awarded contracts to supply the Iraqi military and development companies with weapons, equipment and vehicles.

Poroshenko said that a Ukraini an delegation of diplomats and defense officials will visit Iraq next

# U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, at least 1,522 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, accordto an Associated Press count. At least 1.158 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is eight higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Monday.

The latest deaths reported by the military: ■ A Marine was killed while on a security

detail Sunday in Irag's Anbar province The latest identifications reported by the

Army Spc. Jonathan A. Hughes, 21, Leb-

anon, Ky.; killed Friday when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Iraq; assigned to the National Guard's 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery Regiment, Campbellsville,

Army Pfc. Lee A. Lewis Jr., 28, Norfolk, Va.; killed Friday by enemy gunfire while on patrol in Iraq; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Army Sgt. Paul W. Thomason III, 37, Talbot, Tenn.; killed when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Kirkuk, Iraq; assigned to National Guard's 2nd Squadron, 278th Regimental Combat Team, Greeneville,





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# Kennedy's future hinges on Japan's carrier decision

# Decommissioning may be delayed if nation bans nuclear-powered ship

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BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Navy officials plan to decommission the last two conventionally powered aircraft carriers left in the fleet, but they are leaving the door open to bring one back if needed to assuage Japanese political concerns.

Navy Secretary Gordon England told reporters Monday the 38-year-old USS John F. Kennedy will be decommissioned next

year but will remain ready to be recalled to active duty if necessary.

"We're going to has considered mothball the Kennedy. Ennot having gland said, but he added, "if you a carrier need the Kennedy to go to Japan we in Japan. can always make the Kennedy available.' Still he insist. ed, "the Kennedy

ed, "the Kennedy is the best carrier to take out because of her physical condition, her limited life."

At issue is Japanese reluctance to host nuclear-powered warships. Nearly 60 years after allied warplanes dropped nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to end

World War II, the question of anything nuclear remains politically charged in Japan.

That's why the Kennedy's sister ship, the conventionally powered USS Kitty Hawk, is currently homeported in Yokosuka, just south of Tokyo.

The Navy's only forward-based carrier, the Kitty Hawk is tasked with standing by for flare-ups on the Korean peninsula and in the Taiwan Strait, as well as pulling periodic duty in the Persian Guff. The presence of a permanently based carrier in Japan has long been one of the cornerstones of U.S. security policy in the region.

And basing the carrier somewhere else does not appear to be an option, at least at this point, England said. "As far as I know, nobody has considered not having a carrier in Japan," he said. "We plan to have a carrier in Japan believe we want a carrier there, I believe the Japanese want a carrier there."

But with the Kitty Hawk slated for decommissioning in 2008, it remains unclear exactly which carrier the Navy hopes to put there. Navy officials say that plan hasn't been worked out yet.

The fact remains, however, that with both Kennedy and Kitty Hawk gone, the only options for replacement will have a nuclear reactor.

"The Navy would like to put a nuclear-powered carrier in Japan." said Bob

Work, once an adviser to former Navy Secretary Richard Danzig and now senior analyst for the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Analysis, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank. "If you have an all-nuclear carrier force by 2008, you've got a much

We plan to have a carrier in Japan. better chance of the Japanese gov-I believe we able to sell that. want a carrier But it's all very there, I believe controversial obviously, so having a the Japanese backup in case that falls through want a makes sense Already girding for that debate,

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Navy Secretary

Gordon England

petition urging the Yokosuka mayor and the central government to block the basing of any nuclear-powered warship in Japan.

300,000 Japanese

recently signed a

Meanwhile, it looks like the Navy will have a fight of its own on its hands to cut the Kennedy from its rolls

Commissioned in 1968, "Big John" — as the Kennedy is known by its crew — is one of the oldest of the Navy's 12-carrier fleet Defending the decision to jettison the big deck and downsize to 11 carriers, England told Jawmakers last week the Navy would save \$300 million a year in overhaul and maintenance costs.

Already, however, lawmakers in both the House and the Senate are pushing legislation that would block the move by requiring the Navy to maintain 12 operational

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Marine Corps Capt. Chuck Valence looks over his green uniform in Orlando, Fla., earlier this month. Per a

# Marines are shedding their dress blues for death visits

BY TONY PERRY Los Angeles Times

With the toll of Marines killed in Iraq mounting, the Marine Corps is no longer requiring the Marines notifying families of such deaths to wear the Corps' distinctive dress blue uniform. The change, authorized by Com-

mandant Gen. Michael Hagee, was made because the public is beginning to associate the blue uniform, usually worn during ceremonial or joyous occasions, with death and tragedy, officials said.

Officers and senior enlisted Marines making notification visits.

Officers and senior enlisted Marines making notification visits are now ordered to wear the Corps' green uniform, known as alphas.

The switch has caused consternation among active-duty and retired Marines. Some, including re-

tired Marines. Some, including recruiters and casualty assistance officers, applaud the switch. But others say it smacks of disrespect for the dead Marines and their families.

"Casualty notification is a solemn event and deserves full honors," said Col. John Toolan, who disagrees with the switch to al-

Toolan, who led the 1st Marine Regiment during the 2003 assault on Baghdad and April's offensive in Fallujah, said the dress blues were a perfect symbol of "a noble profession that must often balance the euphoria of battles won and the pain of brothers lost."

But Gunnery Sgt. Cindy Grubb, operations chief for the Corps' casualty branch, said wearing the dress blues while notifying families has begun to associate the uniform unfairly with "bad news."

"We want to keep that positive image of the blues," she said.
The latest casualty count shows 1,505 members of the U.S. military killed in Iraq, including 463 Marines.

The uniform change, announced to Marines last month, is part of an overhaul of the Corps' procedure for notifying families and providing them with emotional and financial support.

The goal is to make notifications sooner and give more information about the cause of death, then to be able to provide a range of help for family members, including aid in arranging a funeral and burial.

Marine Corps brass were displeased after the assault on Baghdad with how casualty notifications were being handled on the home front.

The dress blue uniforms are still authorized for funerals and memorial services, as well as weddings, Toys for Tots events and the annual Marine Corps birthday celebration. Considered the most colorful and distinctive of all U.S. military uniforms, the dress blues are also featured in Marine Corps recruiting adver-

The green uniform, akin to a business suit, is worn, for example, when Marines testify before Congress or address community groups.

Marine Corps policy requires that families be notified in person of a relative's death. Marines making casualty notifications are backed by a Navy chaplain and sometimes a corpsman or doctor.

Although all military services have procedures for assisting family members, the Marine Corps prides itself on outdoing the other services by surrounding the grieving family with support. Only the Marine Corps required notification officers to wear a dress uni-

The switch was announced in an order from Hagee to all Marines. "A negative connotation has been attached to Marines in the dress blue uniform because of the death notifications," the order said.

"This is contrary to the pride and tradition of the dress blue uniform."

Though the switch has gone largely unnoticed among civilians, it has been the subject of considerable debate on Web sites and publications geared to the

military community.

"I think this is a slap in the face to Marines and their families," retired Master Sgt. Frederick C. Montney III of Newark, Del., said of the switch to alphas. "If we do this, why don't we just show up in cammies?" he asked, referring to the common camouflage uni-

But 1st Sgt. Stephen A. Thomas said he has seen a scared look on people's faces when they spot a Marine in the dress blue uniform

Thomas said he was on his way to a community event at Greensboro, N.C., when a woman spotted him and "immediately had this horrible look on her face and asked me if I was going to deliver had news."

"The association of dress blues and bad news should not be something the Marine Corps should be promoting, unintentionally or not." he said.

Retired Col. John Kaheny of San Diego said the dress blues have always been linked to the idea of Marines being killed in

Marine lore, Kaheny noted, holds that the red stripe on the side of the trousers represents blood shed by Marines during the U.S. war with Mexico in 1847, events known as the battle for the Halls of Montezuma.

"I guess I'm a traditionalist," said Kaheny, who opposes shifting to the green uniform.

# IN THE WORLD

# **EU faces fire over Chinese arms embargo**

# U.S. hardens opposition to resuming weapons sales

BY PAUL AMES The Associated Press

BRUSSELS Belgium - European Union leaders were under pressure Tuesday to delay plans for resuming weapons sales to China, as Washington hardens opposition to ending the 15-year EU embargo in the wake of Beijing's new law authorizing a military attack on Taiwan.

Gathering for their two-day spring summit, the 25 EU leaders were fac ing fire from both sides, after China reacted angrily to reports the bloc may put back its target for lifting the embargo beyond the end of June.

"The arms embargo against China is political discrimination, which is not in line with today's reality," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said in Beijing ahead of the EU summit.

Europe has long been divided over lifting the ban. France and Germany

have led demands for it to go, calling the embargo a Cold War relic that holds back trade opportunities with China's booming economy

Britain, Sweden and others have been more reticent, citing continued human rights abuses and the threat to Taiwan. The United States has lobbied strongly for the ban to stay, saying European weapons could destabilize east Asia and even threaten U.S. forces in the Pacific

However, the EU had appeared close to lifting the ban before last week's passing of an anti-secession law by the Chinese parliament that authorizes force against Taiwan if the island seeks formal independence.

China has made some concessions on human rights, including the release last week of a Muslim businesswoman who was jailed on national security charges and was the subject of appeals by Washington.

But Britain's Foreign Secretary

Jack Straw said continued human rights problems and the new law on Taiwan, had "created quite a difficult political environment" for the lifting of the embargo.

Other European officials have said lifting the embargo could be delayed because of failure to get agreement within the bloc for a series of safe-guards to prevent a sudden, destabilizing flood of European weapons or the export of high-tech arms.

"The latest developments have added complexity," EU spokeswom-an Cristina Gallach acknowledged ahead of the summit.

The Europeans are also worried about the level of opposition within the United States. Diplomats admitted a mission to Washington last week to explain the proposed new safe-guards had not been a success.Leading members of the U.S. Congress have warned Washington could re-spond to an end of the embargo by restricting transfers of defense technology to Europe.



European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso arrives for a meeting of EPP leaders in Meise, Belgium, on Tuesday. EPP leaders met ahead of an EU summit, which hopes to boost jobs and growth but is set to be overshadowed by a dispute over resuming arms sales to China.



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# N. Korea says it might lax stance on nuke talks

BEIJING - North Korea's visiting premier said Tuesday that Pyongyang might be willing to return to nuclear talks, a Chinese spokesman said, following the North's claim to have expanded its atomic arsenal.

"If conditions are right in the future, North Korea is willing at any time to participate at the six-party talks." Premier Pak Pong Ju told his Chinese counterpart, Wen Jiabao, according to a spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

The spokesman, Liu Jianchao, did not say what those conditions would be. But the North has demanded in the past that the Unitand apologize for having referred to it as an "outpost of tyranny." The North said last month it was boycotting the talks indefinitely.
Pak arrived in Beijing amid ap-

peals by Washington for China's communist leaders to prod their isolated ally back to the bargaining table and suggestions that Py-ongyang might face sanctions if it does not cooperate.

Wen told Pak the six-nation talks were the "only real, prag-matic way to resolve the nuclear issue," according to Liu. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, visiting Beijing, hinted at

sanctions Monday, saying that if talks fail to produce a non-nuclear North Korea, "We'll have to look at other options.

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# Arab leaders say Israel must make concessions

The Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria - Arab leaders said Tuesday that Israel cannot expect peace and normal-ized ties with the Arab world if it does not make concessions and give up occupied lands.

The remarks opening a twoday Arab summit marked a clear shift away from a Jordanian proposal that Arab leaders had already rejected. In what would have been a dramatic change in the Arabs' peace strategy, Jordan had suggested that Arab League members offer diplomatic ties to Israel before it returns occupied

Arab League Secretary-Gener-

al Amr Moussa told the summit that Israel should not expect "the Arabs will make concessions and even normalize without anything real in return.

"This shouldn't be," he said. "It should be commitment for commitment. Then we can reach a balanced peace and close the issues of the conflict in order to establish relations in narallel with the withdrawal and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, the summit host, said peace with Israel remains an "Arab strategic option." But he said it should be based on Israel returning all lands it seized in a 1967 Middle East war.

### **Deadly Afghan floods**

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two people were confirmed dead as floodwaters that de stroyed hundreds of homes in a former Taliban stronghold receded, the United Nations said Tuesday, while Afghan of-ficials said several others said

were missing. The victims, one adult and one child, died near Deh Rawood in central Uruzgan province, where the Helmand River overflowed its banks on Friday, said U.N. spokesman Martin Battersby. He had no further details.

Torrential rains have fed al ready-swollen rivers across Afghanistan, causing flooding in several regions. Officials and Afghan media have reported up to 26 deaths in the north and west, though details have been scant.

Officials are urging Afghans to stockpile supplies and be on their guard for sudden floods ed by melting snow from one of the harshest winters in

More than 300 people reportedly died from exposure and cold-related illnesses such as pneumonia and whooping

### Prisoners released

WAGAH, Pakistan — More than 500 Indian prisoners walked to freedom across the main land border between Pakistan and India on Tuesday days after President Gen. Pervez Musharraf promised their release in an effort to strength en relations with New Delhi, officials said

The 564 prisoners, mostly fishermen, were handed over to Indian officials at Wagah. about 15 miles east of Lahore said Ghulam Mohammed Mohtarem, secretary of the home department, which oversees prisons in southern Sindh province. The prisoners were freed

from jails in Karachi, the capital of Sindh province, on Sunday. They had been held between four months and a year for alleged illegal entry into Pa-

At Wagah, Balvinder Hampal, an Indian Embassy official, told reporters that "this is the first time that prisoners in such a large number have been handed over to us by Pakistan.

"Such steps will certainly help promote the peace process between the two countries," Hampal said.

From The Associated Press

# **Court convicts Iragis for terror plot**

The Associated Press

AMMAN Jordan - A military court convicted three Iraqis on Tuesday of smuggling rockets and hand grenades into Jordan, in connection with a plot to attack U.S. and Israeli targets in the

kingdom. Only two of the men are in police custody; their 15 year sentences were immediately commuted to 71/2 years with hard labor

They said they would appeal. The third, Muawiya Muhanna, was sentenced to 15 years in ab-

sentia. The three were charged with crimes including the import and possession of handguns, automatic rifles, hand grenades and rockets. However, the court found insufficient evidence to convict

them on a charge of "conspiring

# Three guilty of planning attacks on U.S., Israeli targets in Jordan

to carry out terrorist attacks" in Jordan - an offense punishable by death.

The men were arrested Oct. 12. 2003, when police stopped their vehicle - carrying concealed weapons — at a roadblock on a

highway just west of Amman. Two of the men, Ahmed Mohammed Ali Ayed, 26, and

Lawrence Hamid Rashid Muhanna. 28, have been in police custody since they were arrested. Authorities charged Lawrence

Muhanna — the fugitive's brother - as the chief conspirator and the one who purchased the weapons from Irag.

The indictment alleged he'd contacted a Jordanian man identified as Abu-Ali who agreed to the plan of carrying out "military operations against Israeli and American interests on Jordanian land."

The charge sheet said Muhanna's fugitive brother dispatched the weapons to Amman from Maan, the southern desert city of Maan, 130 miles south of Amman, after smuggling them into the country by truck.

In another hearing later Tuesday, the retrial of 10 militants convicted in a foiled terror plot re-

The 10 men were facing trial for the fourth time after the court of apeal referred the case back to the military court.

During proceedings into the

cy to attack Americans and Israelis in Jordan during the millennium celebrations, the alleged mastermind of the cell shouted

threats in the courtroom. Khader Abu-Hosher, who was sentenced to death in 2000, shouted before the court that insurgents in Iraq would take the reenge against Jordan.

"Our brothers in Iraq are watching what is happening to us here in your prisons, and the judgment day is approaching," the bearded abu-Hosher shouted from the dock.

The hearing was adjourned until March 28.

Military judges said in their verdict four years ago that the terror conspiracy was hatched as early as 1996, but the final and decisive planning took place in late 1999. Authorities uncovered and foiled the plot in November 1999.

# Karzai in Pakistan for talks with leaders

U.S. military presses for Taliban reconciliation

BY SADAOAT JAN The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Afghan President Hamid Karzai arrived in Pakistan's capital on Tuesday for talks with its leaders amid U.S. pressure on him to announce a reconciliation program for Taliban militants, official said.

Karzai was to hold talks later Tuesday with Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf in Rawalpindi, a city near Islamabad on "all issues" of interest to both Pakistan and Afghanistan, an official in Musharraf's office said on condition of anonymity.

The Afghan president was scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Wednesday and also will be guest of honor at a military parade Wednesday for Pakistan's National Day

American officials and commanders are pressing Karzai to announce the details of a reconciliation drive for the former ruling Taliban, a move which could de fuse an insurgency still busying 17,000 U.S. troops near the border and hampering aid efforts.

The U.S. military has said Karzai must work out with Pakistan which top Taliban figures would be excluded from the program, but it remains unclear whether any agreement has been reached or if Pakistan is willing to arrest Taliban leaders living

Lt. Gen. David Barno, the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, said last week that talks between Karzai and Musharraf would help address the fact that Pakistan has vet to arrest any top Taliban leaders.

It was unclear whether Karzai would discuss the issue in Islama-

His spokesman, Jawed Ludin, on Tuesday reiterated Kabul's willingness to pardon Taliban who want to return to their villages, but refused to comment on what would be done with Talihan leaders such as Mullah Omar and his top lieutenants.

"Afghanistan has turned over a new page," Ludin said. "The issue now is reconstruction."

Pakistan was a key supporter of the Taliban militia, which a U.S.-led coalition ousted from power in Afghanistan in late 2001 for harboring terrorists.

Musharraf switched sides and allied Pakistan with the anti-terrorism war after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States, and since has sought to set up strong ties with Karzai's U.S.-backed government.



Afghan President Hamid Karzai, left, escorted by Pakistan's Interior Minister Aftab Sherpao, waves upon his arrival at Islamabad airport on Tuesday. Karzai was to hold talks with Pakistani leaders amid U.S. pressure to appounce a reconciliation program for Talihan militants.

During Karzai's stay in Islamabad, Pakistan and Afghanistan also will sign agreements on tourism and culture, including one establishing bus services between the Pakistani cities of Peshawar and Ouetta and the Afghan towns of Jalalabad and Kandahar, the Pakistani Foreign Ministry said.

Meanwhile, anti-narcotics officials from 20 countries meeting in Islamabad to discuss "the challenges presented by drug traffick. ing from Afghanistan into and through Pakistan" on Tuesday called for greater cooperation between the two countries to fight

# Taiwanese legislative panel blocks multibillion dollar U.S. weapons deal

The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan - A Taiwanese legislative committee on Tues day further delayed passage of a special budget to buy a multibillion dollar U.S. weapons package.

Opposition lawmakers have been holding up the budget for months, saving the submarines

Patriot missiles and anti-submarine planes cost too much and that the purchase could spark an arms race with China that would bankrupt Taiwan.

The government recently cut the budget to \$15.29 billion but opposition lawmakers said the price still was too high

Tuesday's talks at a legislative

procedural committee were the first on the weapons deal since a new legislature took office early last month. The opposition maintained a slim majority in last December's legislative elections, quashing chances that approval for the deal would come soon

The committee failed to list the weapons deal on issues to be considered by the legislature at its favor of China. next meeting.

The government has said Taiwan needs the new weapons because the island's biggest security threat. China, has significantly increased its defense budget in recent years. Officials warn that Beijing's aggressive arms buildun will tilt the military balance in

Taiwan and China split at the end of a civil war in 1949.

However, Beijing regards the self-ruled, democratic island as part of its territory and has reneatedly threatened to invade if Taiwan declares formal independence

# IN THE STATES

# Schiavo's parents hurry for next appeal

# Federal judge denies request to reinsert feeding tube

BY VICKIE CHACHERE The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A federal judge on Tuesday refused to order the reinsertion of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube, denying an emergency request from the brain-damaged woman's parents. The parents' law-

yer quickly filed a notice of appeal. The ruling by U.S. District Judge James Whittemore came after feverish action by President Bush and Congress on legislation allowing the contentious case to be reviewed by federal courts. The judge said the 41-year-old woman's parents had not established a "substantial likelihood of success" at trial on the merits of their arevuments.

The notice of appeal was filed electronically hours later with the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Adlanta by David Gibbs III, an attorney for Terri Schiavo's parents. The notice tells the court that the full appeal will follow. That court already was considering an appeal on whether Terri Schiavo's right to due process had been violated.

Whittemore wrote that Schiavo's "life and liberty interests" had been protected by Florida courts. Despite "these difficult and time-strained circumstances," he wrote, "this court is constrained to apply the law to the issues before it."

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The Bush administration "would have preferred a different ruling," White House press secretary Scott McClellan told reporters in Albuquerque, N.M. where the president was visiting a senior center.

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"We hope that they would be able to have relief
through the appeals process," McClellan said.

While Rex Sparklin, another attorney for the par-

ents, said the appeal was needed to "save Terri's life," Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, praised the ruling.

"What this judge did is protect the freedom of people to make their own end-of-life decisions without the intrusion of politicians," Simon said.

Bobby Schindler, Terri Schiavo's brother, said his family was crushed. "To have to see my parents go through this is absolutely barbaric," he told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Tuesday.



Terri Schiavo supporter Melissa Carl of Tampa, Fla., prays outside the Woodside Hospice Monday in Pinellas Park. Fla.

"I'd love for these judges to sit in a room and see this happening as well." Scott Schiavo, Michael Schiavo's brother, called

Scott Schiavo, Michael Schiavo's prother, called the judge's decision "a good thing," and said he did not believe Congress should have intervened. "There's not a law that's made for this," Scott Schi-

"There's not a law that's made for this," Scott Schiavo said in a telephone interview. "This is something that goes on 100 times a day in our country, that people, their wish to die with dignity is not a fedowl issue;

The tube was disconnected Friday on the orders of state judge, prompting an extraordinary weeken at effort by congressional Republicans to push through unprecedented emergency legislation Monday aimed at keeping her alive.

Court-appointed doctors say she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovery. Doctors have said she could survive one to two weeks without the feeding tube.

# 'Wakefulness without awareness' deceiving

BY MALCOLM RITTER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the family video played over and over on TV, Terri Schiavo seems to gaze fondly at her mother, with the birt of a smile

On Sunday night, as Congress took up debate on her case, her father told reporters that she responded to his teasing by making a face at him. "It tells us she's still with us," he said.

But in Schiavo's condition, described as a persistent vegetative state, family members can be deceived by things like eye movements and reflexes, experts say.

"It creates this ironic combination of wakefulness without awareness," said Dr. James Bernat, a neurology professor at Dartmouth Medical School.

That's because in a persistent vegetative state, the brain centers that control wakefulness are functioning, but those that permit conscious awareness of oneself or the environment are damaged or destroyed.

As a result, patients close their eyes to sleep and open them when they wake up. If a doctor brushes the eyeball with a wisp of cotton, they may blink. If something gets caught in the throat, they will cough. There may be limited eye movements, though patients can't follow a person walking from one side of the room to another, for exam-

That's in contrast to a coma, in which the eyes remain closed and a person is neither aware nor awake, or brain death, in which there is no sign at all that the brain is functioning.

Bernat, past chairman of the American Academy of Neurology's Ethics, Law and Humanities Committee, declined to comment specifically on the Schiavo case. He said outward signs of persistent vegetative state can give family members false hone.

# Many drafting living wills to spare family heartache

BY ROB STEIN AND KARIN BRULLIARD The Washington Post

The Terri Schiavo case has triggered a surge of interest in living wills and other measures that can prevent the kind of bitter battle under way in Florida, experts around the country said

Organizations that encourage people to take steps to protect their wishes if they become incapacitated have been flooded by phone calls and hits on their Web

We are getting absolutely sammed here — the calls are coming in left and right," said Paul Malley, president of Aging With Dignity, a national nonprofit group based in Tallahassee. "We've had more than 20 times as many calls today as we usually get. Everyone is saying how hearthreaking the Terri Schlaro own the same of the same

Advocates said the flood of interest could produce one of the few positive outcomes of the painful episode, in which a venomous family feud over a brain-damaged woman's fate has erupted into a national debate embroiling

Congress and the federal courts.
"If there is a silver lining to
this, it's that people are taking
away one valuable lesson, which
is the importance of making your
wishes known," said Jon Radulovic of the National Hospice and
Palliative Care Organization, a
nonprofit group based in Alexandria. Va.. that was also being

flooded by calls. "People seem to be getting that message."

The case appears to have encouraged many families to broach a topic most usually avoid: What would members want to happen to them if they were in a similar situation?

"This is something that's hard for people to talk about because it forces them to face their own mortality," said Timothy E. Quill, director of the Center for Palliative Care and Clinical Ethics at the University of Rochester in New York. "But whenever you have a case like this, it tends to start people talking and think-

That was the case with Dorothy Cutler, 84, of Newbury Park, Calif., who called Malley's organization after watching some of the debate over the Schiavo case on television.

"If I'm in a vegetative state I don't want to be kept alive by any artificial means," said the retired secretary. "I'm fine now, but who knows what can happen? You can have a stroke or an accident. You never know from one day to the next."

Arlington, Va., lawyer Kelly Thompson said the Schiavo case came up immediately Monday when she was meeting with a couple for routine estate planning and began listing documents they would need.

"Before I could even finish the sentence, they said, 'and a medical directive — don't let me be the next Terri Schiavo,' "Thompson said.

Tucker contributed to this report

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# Seven dead in Minn. high school shooting

# Alleged teen gunman kills two others, self

BY JOSHUA FREED The Associated Press

RED LAKE, Minn. - The boy accused of killing nine people in a shooting spree first shot his grandfather and his companion, then donned the man's police-issue gunbelt and bulletproof vest before heading to the high school where he shot students and teachers at random, authorities said Tuesday.

FBI agent Michael Tabman said Jeff Weise appeared to be acting alone in Monday's rampage and the motive was unknown. When it was over, 10 people, including five students and Weise himself, were dead.

Tahman said he couldn't confirm whether Weise was the same nerson who made posts to a neo-Nazi site, including one in the "Angel of Death."

Aside from the teen's grandfa ther, Daryl Lusier, and Lusier's companion, Michelle Sigana, Weise's targets appeared random, Weise said. An unarmed security guard and a teacher also were killed.

Five students remained hospitalized, including two with critical injuries.

It was the worst U.S. school shooting since the Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo., in April 1999 that ended with the deaths of 12 students, a teacher and the two teen gunmen.

Reggie Graves, a student at Red Lake High School, said he was watching a movie about Shakespeare in class Monday when he heard the gunman blast his way past the metal detector at

which the writer billed himself as the school's entrance, where an unarmed guard was killed.

Then, in a nearby classroom, he heard the gunman say some thing to his friend Ryan. "He asked Ryan if he believed in God," Graves said. "And then he

At least 14 others were wounded; two of them remained in criti-cal condition Tuesday at Merit-Care in Fargo, N.D., officials said.

At least three of the victims were shot in the head at close range, said officials at North Country Regional Hospital in nearby Bemidii. One of those victims died and the other two were transferred to the Fargo hospital Three victims remained at North Country Regional in noncritical

"There's not a soul that will go untouched by the tragic loss that



Red Lake High School in Red Lake. Minn.. recalls the gunfire at the high school during a Tues day morning interview at his home in Redby, Minn.

Reggie Graves a student at

we've experienced here " Floyd Jourdain Jr., chairman of the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe, told WCCO-TV of Minneapolis on

Tuesday. Police said the gunman killed himself after exchanging fire with officers. Red Lake Fire Director Roman Stately said the

gunman had two handguns and a shotoun Weise, 17, had been placed in

the school's Homebound program for some violation of policy, said school board member Kathryn Beaulieu. Students in that program stay at home and are tutored by a traveling teacher.



Samantha Runnion, 5, left, was kidnapped, sexually assaulted and murdered in July 2002. Alejandro Avila, right, is on trial in Orange County, Calif. Prosecutors say the girl's DNA was found in Avila's car.

# Girl, 9, testifies in case of murdered playmate

The Associated Press

SANTA ANA. Calif. - The two friends were playing outside on a summer evening when a man pulled up, approached them with a story about a lost puppy and then whisked away 5-year-old Samantha Runnion.

It was the start of one of the most notorious crimes in recent Southern California history, an abduction and murder that prompted a massive outpouring of grief for a girl whose nude body was soon found in mountains 50 miles

Aleiandro Avila is charged with kidnapping, sexually assaulting and murdering Samantha Runnion in 2002. He went on trial Monday with a prosecutor saying DNA that may have come from the girl's tears was discovered in the 30-year-old suspect's car, and the defense alleging the evidence was planted.

Samantha's friend Sarah Ahn, 9, was the first witness to take the stand

"He just picked her up," Sarah testified Monday. "She was screaming ... She was shaking, kicking, trying to get loose.

Her description helped produce a composite sketch that closely resembles Avila, who has been in custody since his arrest three days after Samantha's death. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

Assistant District Attorney David Brent, in opening state ments, outlined a prosecution case that includes cell phone and debit card records, scranings of the suspect's DNA from beneath Samantha's fingernails and genetic material from the 5-year-old found in two places inside the defendant's car.

But defense attorney Philip Zalewski suggested the victim's DNA was planted, and claimed that an earlier search turned un no genetic material linking Avila to the abduction.

An autopsy showed Samantha was sexually assaulted before she suffocated from force placed on her upper chest. Brent said

# Bush takes Social Security plan on road to New Mexico

BY JENNIFER LOVEN The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - President Bush and Sen. John McCain put on another showing Tuesday of their good-cop, bad-cop routine on Social Security, trying to prod Democrats into cooperating with rather than opposing the president's drive to create private accounts within the system.

Bush emphasized the positive, continuing to as sure current and near-retirees their benefits would not change under his plan and promising that credit would be duly shared if Washington politicians can come together to fix Social Security's long-term fis-

"Bring your ideas forward, please," the president told a mostly darkened auditorium here. "If we're going to solve this problem, it's not going to be a Republican idea or a Democratic idea. It's going to be an American idea

McCain, after speaking glowingly of "the pride I feel in this president," had a less conciliatory mes sage for Democrats in Congress, whom he accused of being obstructionist and shortsighted

"Some of our friends who are opposing this idea say, 'Oh, you don't have to worry until 2042.' We wait until 2042 when we stop paying people Social Security? That's not what this is all about." he said.

"Please urge our Democrat friends to come to the table and sit with us and do this for the greater good of the United States of America. ... This issue isn't shouldn't have anything to do with partisan poli-

He also aimed some of his "straight talk" at AARP, the powerful lobby for older citizens that opposes Bush's plan to allow younger workers to divert a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal accounts that could be invested in the stock market in trade for reduced guaranteed bene-

The group is running television and radio ads during the two-week Easter break while members of Congress are back in their home districts.

"I want to say to our friends in AARP ... come to the table with us - we not only have an obligation to seniors, we have an obligation to future genera-tions," McCain said. The Arizona Republican, Bush's one-time presi-

dential rival who has become a big booster of his Social Security plans, also played the heavy as he accompanied the president on Monday to the senator's home state and Colorado and tried to help sell a skeptical public on the private accounts idea.

McCain had been scheduled to drop off Bush's itinerary after those events, but it all went so well that he scratched that and came to Albuquerque as

### Blake TV interview

LOS ANGELES - In his first television appearance since being acquitted last week in the killing of his wife, actor Robert Blake said Tuesday he does not know who killed Bonny Lee Bakley but speculated it could have been "somebody whose father was taken for a ride."

Appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America," Blake was asked by veteran television journalist Barbara Walters, "Do you have any idea who did it?

Blake paused and said, "She led that kind of life, where she made a lot of enemies and some-.. somebody whose father was taken for a ride or some-thing like that. I don't know. I don't know.'

Walters also asked Blake why he lashed out at a reporter at a news conference following his acquittal Wednesday. The actor a reporter to "shut up

"What I meant by 'shut up' is I mean I would like to have everybody stop killing Bonny now Blake said. "Everybody is mak-ing a buck on Bonny. It's like, you know, America now is filling their rice bowl any way they can. They're still picking Princess Diana's bones

### Lunsford murder case

LECANTO, Fla. — The man accused of kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing 9-year-old Jessica Marie Lunsford was denied bond Tuesday on murder and other charges

John Evander Couev. 46, a nvicted sex offender wh iff's officials say confessed to tak-ing Jessica from her home and killing her, made a first appearance on charges of capital murder, battery, kidnapping and sex-ual battery on a child under the

age of 12.
"This is an infamous case here," Citrus County Judge Mark Yerman told Couey during the brief hearing. "The acts you are accused of and the crimes you confessed to are really be-yond words."

Couey was arrested in Geor-gia last week, then brought back to Florida and booked Sunday on a probation violation and failure to register his change of address as required as a sex offender.

# State honors victims of civil rights slayings

BY SHELIA BYRE The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. - Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour signed legislation Monday renaming stretches of highways in honor of victims of two of the nation's most notorious civil rights slavings

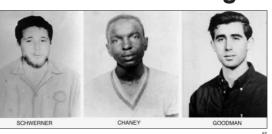
Lawmakers say the highways are the first state-sponsored memorials to the victims

A portion of U.S. 49 East in Tallahatchie County becomes the "Emmett Till Memorial High-way" in honor of the black 14-year-old who was beaten to death in 1955, supposedly for whistling at a white woman.

That case has recently been reopened by prosecutors. A stretch of Mississippi 19 near

Philadelphia, believed to be the site of the murders of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, was renamed the "Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner Memorial High way" for the three civil rights workers who were ambushed. beaten and shot by the Ku Klux Klan in 1964

Nineteen men were indicted on federal civil rights charges in that case. Seven were convicted and



Above: On June 29, 1964, the FBI began distributing these pictures of civil rights workers, from left Michael Schwerner, 24, of New York, James Chaney, 21, from Mississippi, and Andrew Goodman, 20, of New York, who disappeared days earlier near Philadelphia, Miss. The three civil rights workers were abducted and killed. Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour signed legislation Monday renaming stretches of Mississippi highways for the slain men. Right: Emmitt Till, in Chicago about six months before he was killed in 1955 while visiting Mississippi, also received a highway naming in his honor.

sentenced to prison terms ranging from three to 10 years.

Murder charges in the case were not brought until earlier this when former Klansman, Edgar Ray Killen, one of the origi-

nal suspects, was indicted. He is scheduled for trial this

spring. "This is history in the way of Mississippi trying to change her image," said Democratic state

Sen. David Jordan, who represents the district where Till was killed "This is healthy for the state

and the state has got to start looking at it that way."



Chris Griffin, 31. poses beside the wild hog he shot near Alapaha, Ga., in June 2004. Residents of this south Georgia vindicated Monday after Geographic documentary confirmed that their legendary super swine Hogzilla was indeed real, and really, really big.



## Legend of super swine airs

BY ELLIOTT MINOR

The Associated Press

ALAPAHA, Ga. - A team of National Geographic experts has confirmed south Georgia's monster hog, known to locals as Hogzilla, was indeed real - and really. really big.

They also noted the super swine didn't quite live up to the 1,000-pound, 12-foot hype generated when Hogzilla was caught on a farm last summer and photographed hanging from a backhoe.

Donning biohazard suits to exhume the behemoth's smelly remains, the experts estimated Hogzilla was probably only 71/2 to 8 feet long, and weighed about 800 pounds. The confirmation came in a documentary aired Sunday night on the National Geographic Channel: it will be rebroadcast Wednesday and Saturday.
"He was an impressive beast.

He was definitely a freak of na-" said documentary producer Nancy Donnelly, She said Hogzilla's tusks - one measuring nearly 18 inches and the other nearly 16 inches - set a new Safari Club International North Amer-

ican free-range record.

That wasn't good enough for Ken Holyoak, owner of the 1,500-acre fish farm and hunting preserve where Hogzilla was shot by guide Chris Griffin.

Holyoak said Hogzilla weighed in at half a ton on his farm scales. and that he personally measured the hog's length at 12 feet while the freshly killed beast was dangling by straps from a backhoe.

# Black librarian files suit against Harvard

By DENISE LAVOIE The Associated Press

BOSTON - A Harvard University librarian claims in a lawsuit that she has been rejected repeatedly for promotion because she is black and is perceived as just a "pretty girl" whose attire was too "sexy

As a jury was chosen Monday to decide her federal lawsuit, Desiree Goodwin said she's been reiected for 16 iobs at Harvard since 1999, when she completed her master's degree in library science after attending night classes at Simmons College for 41/2 years.

Goodwin, 40, also has a master's degree in English literature, seven years of experience in the library of Boston College and another nine years as an assistant li-brarian at Harvard.

She said she was shocked when, in late 2001, her supervisor told her she would never be promoted at Harvard. In court documents, Goodwin said her supervisor told her she was "a joke" at the university's main library, where she "was seen merely as a pretty girl who wore sexy outfits, low cut blouses, and tight pants."

She said after the conversation with her supervisor, she modified her appearance and wore more conservative clothing, but she continued to be turned down when she applied for better positions.

Goodwin says in her lawsuit that she has suffered emotional distress and lost \$150,000 in wages as a result of Harvard's failure to promote her since 1999

Harvard denies that it has discriminated against Goodwin



Desiree Goodwin, an assistant librarian at Harvard University claims in a lawsuit that the university has been discriminating against her because she's black and perceived as a "pretty girl" whose attire is "too sexy." A jury was selected Monday in Boston

## Calif. distiller in tussle over name agave in designated regions of

"He's free to produce an agave

distillate, but he cannot call it any-

BY DAISY NGUYEN The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - A dispute is brewing between a Mexican teamila trade group and a Southern California distiller who wants to sell

his American-made agave liquor under the name "Temequila." The Mexican Tequila Regulato y Council says J.B. Wagoner's Temequila" brand sounds similar to tequila and may fool customers into thinking it's the Mexi-

can-made liquor. International trade laws forbid use of the name

tequila unless it's made from blue

thing that resembles tequila," said Judith Meza, a representative for the council. Just as clauses in the North American Free Trade Agreement protect the name tequila, she said, other parts of the agreement bar Mexican manufacturers from using

U.S. names such as bourbon and Tennessee whiskey. The Guadalajara-based group has sent a letter urging Wagoner to change the name, Meza said,

and will consider litigation if he 'doesn't find a friendly solution to the case.

Meanwhile, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau has rejected Wagoner's application for a labeling certificate. The bureau is a division of the U.S. Department of Treasury which vets the production, labeling and mar-

keting of alcoholic beverages

Wagoner said he called his 100-proof concoction "Temequi-la" as a play on the name of his hometown, Temecula. awaiting a decision on his appeal, Wagoner said he plans to start selling next month as scheduled

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### What happened to honor?

What happened to honor when this na tion's career warriors were promised that if they gave 20 or more years of their lives in defense of this nation, they and their dependents would receive free health care for life and Congress refuses to live up to that prom-

This was the law of the land until 1956. when Congress subtly changed the wording of the law

Congress hides behind the false assertion that this promise was made illegally. The promise served its purpose, it was the pri mary deciding factor in making the military a career as these warriors were told that their pay was substandard because they were earning delayed pay in the form of life

time health care. The nation saved billions and billions of dollars over the years by not having to re cruit and train a new military force every three or four years as these careerists be lieved their leaders, remaining on duty to form the very backbone of the nation's mili-tary forces. The promise was validated as late as 1995 in numerous government docu ments.

What happened to honor when the president tells these warriors while on the cam paign trail that "promises made will be promises kept," and then, once elected, does everything in his power to insure Congress does not honor the promise?

What hannens to honor when the Supreme Court refuses to even hear our warriors' pleas?

The president and Congress know that soon none of these old warriors will be left, and then there will be no moral need to keep the promise. These warriors honored their part of the promise to the nation, and they only ask the nation to honor its promise

If this promise is not kept, can we really

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believe our current forces' promises will be honored for their sacrifices? Air Force Capt. Ronald J. Shaw (retired)

### **OK 'LIVESTRONG'** bracelet

The Air Force Personnel Center announced that the Lance Armstrong Foundation "LIVESTRONG" bracelet is not authorized to wear while in military uniform, reason being the bracelet's yellow color "does not conform with the conservative criteria for bracelets." However, consider the following:

Allowed in uniform:

■ metallic prisoner of war remembrance bracelets in colors such as yellow, blue, green, red and silver; one-inch-wide gold and silver brace-

gold and silver watches (including

Mickey Mouse) and watch bands with faces in assorted colors; and

reflective safety belts in yellow, red, green, orange and blue, which are mandatory for airmen in Europe during hours of darkness.

Not allowed in uniform: a half-inch-wide bracelet of plain matte-yellow rubber embossed with the

word "LIVESTRONG." Why? Why did the Air Force go out of its way to prohibit something that is causing absolutely no harm to its military image? It's not a safety issue. It's not offensive to anyone. Why did the Air Force spend time, money and energy to specifically prohibit

And who determines what "conservative" is? The Air Force instruction (AFI 36-2903) regulating dress and appearance states bracelets must be "conservative, no wider than one inch, and not present a safety haz-ard." The instruction neither defines the word "conservative" nor says who deter-mines what is or isn't conservative. In my 15 years of active-duty Air Force experience, the local supervisor and/or squadron commander makes that determination (as is the case for tattoos.) In my opinion, the Air Force has overre-

acted and overreached. The Lance Armstrong Foundation is an honorable charity raising millions of dollars for cancer survivors. Its fund-raising bracelet meets the Air Force's standard for "conservative" and should be allowed to be worn while in uniform. Just wait until Oprah hears about this. Tech. Sgt. Jay Boda

Ramstein Air Base, Germany

### Correction

The March 20 letter "Be proud of support jobs" did not give a location for its au-thors. Staff Sgt. Patrick Hernandez and Spc. Jorge Duarte are members of the 1st Cavalry Division and are serving in Iraq.

# Justice slowly coming to the Balkans

he victims of the Balkan wars shadow Europe. They gnaw at the conscience of a continent struggling to reconcile the last of its 20th century calamities. Some survived rapes, imprisonment and forced evacuations. Others lie buried in cemeteries, some in mass graves. casualties of the madness that engulfed Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

Who recalls them anymore? Who will pay a price for their pain, suffering and deaths? These questions lie at the heart of a remarkable turn of events as the United Nations war crimes tribunal at The Hague, Netherlands, heads toward a final legal chapter.

Prosecutors issued their final round of indictments this month. One by one, suspects who avoided justice for years are appearing before the international court. They are generals, cops and political leaders from Bos-nia Serbia and Kosovo.

The biggest catch is Ramush Haradinaj,

an ethnic Albanian who resigned as Kosovo's prime minister earlier this month and then surrendered to the court with two of his political aides. Haradinaj has denied charges of murder, rape and torture stemming from his time as a commander of the Kosovo Liberation Army during the war with Serbia

A series of deadlines has fed a rush to jus tice. The tribunal, which was launched in 1993, is due to wrap up trials in 2008 and appeals by 2010. Talks are also due to be held this summer on Kosovo's fate: whether it gains independence, autonomy or remains a province of Serbia.

The deadlines have forced Balkan coun tries to try to get their houses in order, to spiff up their images so that one day they might enter the political and economic powerhouse, the European Union. If they don't hand over alleged war criminals, the EU won't open talks on admission. That is proving to be a powerful weapon. Croatia's hopes to join the EU were delayed last week because of the country's failure to find fugitive general Ante Gotovina. "The EII's message has been clear: There

will be no real negotiations on EU membership if the court's orders are not met," Tribu-nal President Theodor Meron said. "The new element in the calculus is the European

Now, about 70 suspects await trial. That is some welcome news for a tribunal whose work has been open to question. Case in noint the marathon trial of ev-Vugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, the ultimate architect of Yugoslavia's demise. A poorly conceived indictment, unsteady prosecution and Milosevic's brazen antics and poor health have contributed to a delay in justice and have damaged the tribunal's standing.

Two key suspects also remain at large

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic. Until they are brought before the court the Balkans will never truly be healed. But slowly, and now more surely, justice seems to be coming.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury









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## OPINION

# U.S. view on torture brings up old wounds

BY JANET SCHMIDT ZUPAN

recently found a letter written by my mother just after my dad left for his final tour in Vietnam. "It's been hectic," she began. "Norm's afraid he won't get things done. He tried to fix up the whole house and the corral before he left. I wanted him to forget it but he had to keep working. ... He's had a severe headache which has him worried. ... It broke my heart to see him climb into that airplane.

I remember that summer - July, Mojave Desert, my sisters and I complaining as we shoveled horse manure into a creaky wheelbarrow, my dad tamping creosote posts plumb in an afternoon wind. I remember touching his shoulder where he knelt to set a tile in his beautiful floor, trowel in hand, the musty odor of concrete and Spanish brick in the air. I recall us all sitting around the table, Dad blowing out the candles of his 40th birthday cake, and the deep silence beyond the tear of wrapping paper and clipped ribbons. I was 11. On the tarmac of George Air Force Base, I breathed in the smell of his flight suit when he hugged me for the last

On Sept. 1, 1966, his F-104 was hit by flak during a mission, and the plane went down. My dad bailed out, drifting toward his last 364 living days, days that separated him so utterly from his life as a son, husband, father and career test pilot. In his final months he was deemed a "war criminal," beyond our desperate love and worry, beyond the protection of the country he served, and excluded from the regard for human safety, dignity and life inherent in the articles of the Geneva Conventions

In an audiotape in 1974, Cmdr. Robert Shumaker shared recollections of my dad They were in a nine-foot-square cell with two other POWs in the Little Vegas section of the Hanoi Hilton in the summer of 1967. It was a harrowing period for the prisoners, in the wake of a communications purge. Shumaker described an incident on Aug. 21: "After Norm had finished washing he was peeking out [a] crack and trying to get a look at some of the other prisoners. Wouldn't you know it, a guard caught him." For this offense, my dad's legs were locked in stocks attached to his bed. Ten days passed before guards released him from this confinement and took him away for interrogation. He was never seen again. Shumaker concluded that "[Norm] was subjected to torture and succumbed in the process." Other prisoners, in cells down the hall from the interrogation room, reported hearing the "sounds of torture ... a loud scuffle and then silence." My father's remains were disinterred from the Ba Huven Cemetery in Hanoi in 1974 and returned to us

These days, the unspeakable aspects of my father's death have reared back into focus through the most shocking of sources: Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo Bay and Afghanistan. How many of us trusted in unwavering U.S. adherence to the principles of the Geneva Conventions? We committed to the accord, in good part, as a way of securing the protection of our own soldiers. Yet recent mounting evidence reveals that the United States has been engaging in abhorrent interrogation methods sanctioned from the execu-

Someone tell me, please, what marks the difference between the fatal techniques



used against my father, Col. Norman Schmidt — labeled "war criminal" — and those used on "enemy combatant" Manadel al-Jamadi, whose death in custody in Baghdad has been classified as a homicide?

What makes one instance an internationally recognized, heinous crime and the other an increasingly condoned practice, something we're supposed to believe is unfortunate but necessary? I cannot find the answer

who failed to get appointed to a counselor

position assassinated President Garfield in

1881. A mentally ill John Hinckley Jr. at-

tempted to kill President Reagan in 1981.

Dan White killed San Francisco Mayor

George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey

poisoned

remedies

But I know that we owe it to our soldiers to

treat prisoners of war and conflict humanely, no matter the circumstances that led to their incarceration, no matter the label they are given. Our national hesitation and then silence, our lack of outcry for an independent, thorough investigation into illegal detentions and torture, leave me grieving once again, deeper now for what seems the futility and waste in my father's honorable service and ultimate sacrifice in the name of the highest ideals of freedom and decency. Janet Schmidt Zupan is a college instructor in Montana. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

# Loner terrorists operate with hate under the radar in the 1940s and '50s, had a signature motto for "fair play." A disgruntled lawyer

BY BRIAN LEVIN

hen high-profile acts of seemingly symbolic violence occur. like the tragic murders of U.S. District Judge Joan Lefkow's husband and mother in Chicago, we often look for large conspiracies with deep political meanings. Many times, however, the apparent terrorist is something less than is believed — a loner with a deeply personal motivation or severe psychological impairment

Because their rationales revolve around personal revenge or a specific sought-after benefit, these terror-producing offenders are often most elusive and unpredictable That many of them are also deeply troubled and frustrated people who possess contempt for the institutions of society only enhances their capacity for violence.

While political and religious-based terror movements operate over time with much publicity, the vengeful, impaired or benefit-seeking offender's motives are usually unraveled only in hindsight. That appears to be the case in the Lefkow homicides, where a man's personal legal defeat in a medical malpractice case may have

There are various categories of people who undertake terrorist acts - that is those who target institutional symbols or random citizens to bring attention to a perceived injustice or reformist agenda. However, an examination of history reveals that some of the nation's worst "terrorist" killers, assassins and bombers were often simple, frustrated people coping with vengeance, mental illness or a compulsion for riches

Not surprisingly, most violence and threats against judges revolve around revenge for their rulings. Hundreds of threats against some of the more than 2,000 federal judges and court employees have resulted in 12 being provided with round-the-clock protection. In 1988, the father of a defeated pro se plaintiff in a sexual harassment case murdered Judge Richard Daronco. A sniper murdered federal District Judge John Wood in 1979 for presiding over a drug case. Judge Patrick Kelley faced a barrage of threats in 1991 after ruling against anti-abortion protesters. Later in the 1990s anti-government extremists set up their own "common law courts" and threatened judges usurped their "sovereign" authority. who

Judges aren't the only symbolic targets of disgruntled, unstable loners bent on vio-

George Metesky, the legally insane "mad homber" who terrorized New York

Milk for damaging his political career. Another motive behind these loner attacks is personal gain. Two product-tampering involving cases over-the-counter headache spread fear across the nation, but were

committed by spouses who wanted to be free of their partners. The Washington, D.C., sniper case is another instance where the offender attacked numerous people as a possible cover to target a spouse

But perhaps the worst example of the benefit-seeking terrorist is John Graham. In 1955 Graham, who desired to collect on his mother's insurance policy, bombed a United Airlines plane in flight over Colorado, killing 44 people.

The unfortunate lesson of these cases is that those blinded by defect, seeking benefits, or aiming for revenge can wreak the kind of violent disrespect for society and concomitant harm that we usually consider the domain of traditional ideologically motivated terrorists.

While the relative anonymity of judges in the pre-Internet age has traditionally of-fered a degree of security, their work makes them targets not only as symbols of justice, but because of their tangible authority over the lives of some who are very violent and unstable

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### Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



## YOUR MONEY

# Quarantined files do no harm

Ask Jim

Q. I have somehow infected my computer with the virus "VBS.Redlof.A" and cannot get rid of it. Symantec has it quarantined but cannot remove it. I have Zone Alarm, Ad-Aware and Spybot and they cannot remove it either.

Any suggestions? — Carol Oppenheim, Chicago

A. Don't worry too much about those "quarantined" files in Symantec's heavily used Norton AntiVirus software. When the program scans a drive and finds viruses, worms, keyboard loggers and other nasty programs. Norton displays a message that the files have been quarantined

They are quarantined rather than just destroyed because in some cases a file deemed dangerous is in fact needed, or if not really needed then desired by some poor souls willing to be tracked every-where they go online or submit to other Internet indignities

There are programs, mostly shareware posted on the Web, that perform some desired service for "free," but the user must accept

some form of adware or spyware in return. If the spying programs are deleted the desired software will no longer work. So some folks actually want to be infected.

The items quarantined actually are copied to a folder called Quarantine so they can be restored if desired Right-click on Start and select the Evnlore option. This brings up Windows' file management software, which displays the names of folders in a pane on the left and then displays the contents of selected folders in a pane to the right.

Point to the folder called C:\Program Files\Norton AntiVirus\Quarantine. You will find that VBS file there but, again, it cannot do harm.

I'd speculate that your problem stems from the fact that items put in quarantine get temporary new names, so that they cannot be found by other virus attacks. Sometimes when software like the Reports module in Norton is written that is supposed to display files somewhere on the computer, the file will be given a wrong name. Then when a user tries to delete it using the software's display, nothing happens,

However, by going directly to the actual file in the Ouarantine folder, you can be assured that it

O. The screen on my monitor is usually a tranquil shade of jade green. Lately it has changed to a very vivid indigo blue. How do I restore it? — Edith Carter
A. I'll bet you thought this was a simple question. eh. Ms. C? That is so not the case.

The answer you need is like the axiom ask what the time is and then being told how to build a watch.

Volumes have been written on the impact that different desktop screen colors have on human psychology, just as colors of boxes in the grocery store affect buying habits. People with MBAs make careers out of coordinating colors to manipulate the actions of customers and employees alike. And a lot of them say it all boils down to the "savannah theory," which holds that human psychology is affected by the colors surrounding our ancestors on the broad plains of Africa.

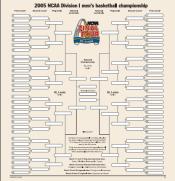
The reason you find that screaming indigo screen unpleasant is that it adds red to the color of the blue sky, something that hints of grass fires on the savannah. So sky blue is comforting and fire red is jarring. Yellow makes us want to work because it recalls arising refreshed at dawn or relaxing in the beauty of a sunset

Here's the nitty-gritty: To change that desktop color to your old jade green or some other hue, place your mouse cursor over the desktop; give it a right-click and pick Properties. Open the tab for Desktop in the next display. Now look for the Color box. Click the tiny downward pointing arrow next to Color and you get a display of a few colors picked by

Microsoft for desktop screens. If you click on the Customize button you get a dis play that lets you move the mouse to mix hues and create millions of possible colors

You now have both instructions for how to do it and an interesting guideline of what colors you might want to pick for that window on the world known as our computer monitors

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# Workplace pools skirt the odds

CHICAGO — Odds are one in three that somebody in your office is taking bets on the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Never mind that gambling is illegal in most states, or that most of-

fice pools operate on company computers. Even in today's zero-tolerance era for ethics lapses, wagering dur-

ing March Madness is a big part of office life. Competition, suspense and college loyalties in a sports-obsessed culture combine to make the tournament a major event in offices

where it's common for employees to bet on everything from the Super Bowl to when a co-worker's baby will be born.

Many view participating in NCAA pools more as a team-building

exercise than any moral hazard. Some bosses not only look the other way, they join in the action.

"It's a chance for people to communicate and razz each other," said Peter Krivkovich, president and chief executive officer of Chicago-based advertising agency Cramer-Krasselt, who paid \$1 for a bracket in his agency's decidedly low-stakes pool among offices in

Office betting is widespread, despite such rare cautionary tales as the scandal that swept Chicago's biggest bank in the early 1990s, top-pling chief executive Barry Sullivan. A sports fanatic, he was booted from the former First National Bank of Chicago partly because of an

illegal \$64,000 college basketball pool for top executives.

Law enforcement officials said they don't usually prosecute the of-

"Our main concern is gambling that is wrapped in with other prob-lems like organized crime, public corruption, drugs," said an FBI spokeswoman.

# Monday's Market Summary

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# ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

# What to do with tax refund

NEW YORK - When your in-

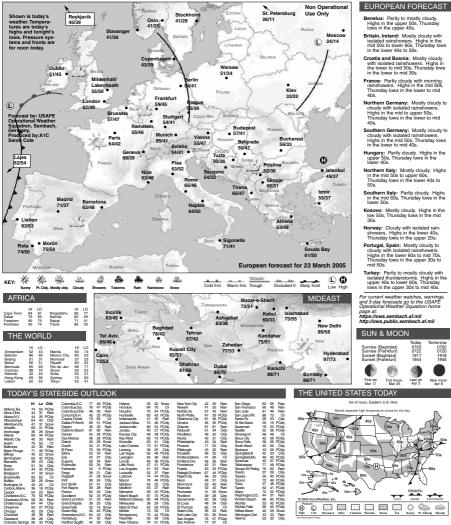
come-tax refund arrives, what will you do with the money? Not every American is dreaming of a new flat-screen TV, according to a survey of 1,004 taxpayers by TrueCredit.com and Roper Public Affairs. For 41 percent, the ney is already slated to pay off debt - particularly mortgag es and credit card bills.

Another 28 percent said they would buy something they need; 26 percent will put their money into savings. Only 9 percent of respondents said they would use it to splurge on something fun.

Most Americans seem to have the right idea. The best way to use your refund is to treat it as an unexpected windfall to make your financial situation a bit easi-

Your first priority should be to pay down debt. The average consumer carries \$8,400 in debt. Using all or part of your refund can help you pay down (and maybe even wipe out) your credit card balances.

Your next priority should be savings. Financial advisers generally recommend setting aside enough money to cover three to six months' worth of living expenses. This financial safety net can help you if you lose your job or have an unexpected emergencv. Put the money is an interest-earning savings or money market account, where you can access it easily.







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### Casino cleared

NV LAS VEGAS — Harrah's Laughlin hotel-casino cannot be held responsible for the death of a motorcycle gang member during an April 2002 melee between the Mongols and the Hells Angels, a federal jury decided.

The widow of Anthony Barreras, 43, a member of the Mongols, had claimed Harrah's knew weeks before the a

knew weeks before the annual Laughlin River Run of the potential for violence and failed to increase security. In all, two people were killed and 12 hospitalized.

### Mayor, 22, to run again

PA MOUNT CARBON — The mayor of a tiny Schuylkill County borough whose election victory at age 18 sparked nationwide interest is seeking a second term. "I'm doing it," Jeffrey Dunkel said. "I wasn't going to, but I'm doing it."

Dunkel's election victory in 2001

Dunkel's election victory in 2001
— he ran unopposed in the general
election and won with 43 votes —
garnered widespread interest, and
he appeared on "The Rosie
O'Donnell Show" and the "Today"

Now 22, the Democrat also will run for a seat on borough council

in the community of 100 residents.
"If I get knocked off [as mayor], I'll still have something to fall back on, so I can stay involved with the borough," said Dunkel, who is working as a landscaper and learning to become an electrician.

## Hawaiian dairy closing?

HI HONOLULU — The state's largest dairy farm is considering closing because of high transportation, feed and other costs.

The possible closure of Pacific Dairy could reduce local milk supplies by more than 20 percent on

top of years of steady decline.

The 10-year-old company, which has about 1,200 milk cows on 42 acres in Waianae, is already thinning its herd by sending new-

thinning its herd by sending newborn calves to the mainland. "We'd like to stay [but] we're looking at options," said Robie Ann

looking at options," said Robie Ann Dorwelo, the dairy's administrative manager. "It's tough, very tough."

Pacific Dairy, which employs 22 people, is the latest dairy to consider closing. Dairy farms, which receive only about one-third of the retail price of milk, are facing rising shipping and land costs, urban encroachment, environmental regulations and stagnant sales.

The mainland milk is usually about one week older than locally produced milk.

produced milk.

The state is now trying to promote Hawaii milk by raising local milk awareness and interest

# through advertising. Boy testifies in assault

NH LACONIA — A 13-year-old boy told jurors an evening that was supposed to be spent baking muffins turned violent when his mother and stepfather attacked

his 10-year-old brother.
The boy testified that his stepfather, Steven Weiner, 44, of Belmont, held down his brother while his mother put a steak knife to the younger brother's arm last Septem-

Weiner has pleaded not guilty.



The children's mother, Jacqueline Weiner, will be tried separately on

charges she abused both children.
The older boy testified that he
and his brother were in the yard
when Steven Weiner picked up the
younger child by the arm and leg
and took him into the house "crying and screaming."

The boy said he and his brother were sent to their rooms upstairs, then heard their parents fighting. The couple then called the boys back down and hit the older boy in the head before sending him back

to his room, the 13-year-old said. From his room, he said, he heard kicking and punching. He also said he was called back down several times, including one time when his brother was face-down on the floor. The older boy said his parents wanted him to berate his brother.

brother.

When the boy later returned and saw his mother holding the knife to his brother, he said he grabbed a cordless phone and ran to a neighbor's yard, where he hid behind a fence and called 911.

### He's a cheap date

IA PORTE CITY — Stu Hemesath has earned \$29.95 — as a prom date. The high school senior from La Porte City auctioned himself off as

The high school senior from La Porte City auctioned himself off as a date on the Internet auction site eBay. He will accompany Rachel Kay, 17, to her Cedar Falls prom. The two say they have never

met. Hemesath said the idea just



### Hello, Dali

Robert Miller finishes placing a likeness of Salvador Dali on the front steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The museum is hosting an exhibit of the surrealist's works through May 16, and is the only U.S. venue to house the exhibit

came to him as he was "thinking about proms and stuff."

with a thought in my head, and I told my friends," he said. "They thought it was the coolest thing in the world, so I decided to go for it." Hemesath wasn't shy about

his description, saying he's 5 feet 10 inches tall, 150 pounds, popular and a wrestler. He added: "I have a lot of girls

telling me I'm pretty hot."

Kay said she made her bid in an attempt to make an ex-boyfriend jealous.

"I didn't think I'd actually win, I was just playing around," she said. "He looks like a pretty nice guy. I thought his write-up was pretty funny. He says he's a wrestler, so that's good."

### Nazi show stavs on

BURLINGTON — John Long will be able to continue broadcasting a cable television show that glorifies Nazis, insults blacks and homosexuals and has shown videos of the beheadings of hostages in Iraq. The board of the Community Access cable channel says Long's show is ugly and controllational, but the Vermoni Community Autority of the Vermoni Control and the Vermoni Control and Control and

### **Embezzlement charges**

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ment in an alleged scheme blamed
for skinming millions of dollars icty
funds. Davis Cooper was hired
as city treasurer in 1980 and was
promoted to chief financial officer

### No Native American Day

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Legislature effectively killed a bill that would set aside the second Monday in October as Native American Day. Oklahoma is home to 39 tribes. In the 2000 census, 254,810 Oklahomans identified themselves as one-race Indians. Only California has more Indian residents, according to the U.S. Census Biruzari.

### Zippy the fugitive

MA MIDDLEBORO — Zippy the pit bull is on the run.

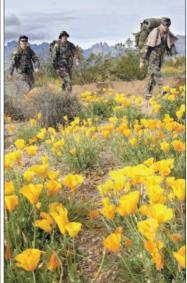
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At least, that saccording to animal control officers who must find the dog and its owner, Austin Zipp, after a judge ordered the animal destroyed after months of legal wrangling, dog-nappings and other intrigue, The Enterprise of Brockton reported.

On May 4, Zippy attacked Middleboro Animal Control Officer William Wyatt as he was writing out a leash law citation. Wyatt had spotted Zippy and another dog running loose outside Zipp's used car dealership, and was bitten as he was writing the ticket.

Both dogs were taken to the shelter and quarantined. Three weeks later, selectmen approved Wyatt's recommendation that the dog be destroyed. Zipp appealed, claiming the dog would never bite any-

"I hope to God the dog is either surrendered or turned in before it hurts someone else," Wyatt said.



Poppy-lar march
Participants in the Bataan Memorial
Death March walk past Mexican
poppies at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The event commemorated a
forced prisoner-of-war march in the Philipoines during World War II.



Battle memories Union re-enactors fight for Morris Farm at the Bentomille Battlefield State Historic Site in Four Oaks, N.C. The activities marked the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville, the largest Civil War battle fought in North Carollina.

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Passion re-enactment

Members of the Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, with Juan de Dios Garcia as Jesus, re-enact the Passion of Christ during a Palm Sunday Mass at the site of their soon-to-be-built church in Las Vegas



Slick wedding by well-wishers at Toggenburg Ski Center in Fabius, N.Y.

Newly married Jan Barrick and John Noble of Manlius, N.Y., are greeted



Sub cruise

The USS Augusta cruises along the Thames River from the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn., bound for sea on deployment.



Flexible work

Workers with the Skanska construction company do stretching exercises before work at the Medford, Ore., Evergreen Way construction site, The warm ups, called flexible solutions, are part of a companywide program.

### Historic district OK'd

PA READING — The state's Historical Preservation Preservation Board has approved Reading's first national historic district.

The Oueen Ann district, which encompasses about 50 square blocks in northwest Reading, was deemed an example of a largely intact working- and middle-class neighborhood built mostly in the late 19th and early 20th century.

About half its homes are in the Queen Anne style of Victorian architecture marked by wraparound porches, ornate woodwork, towers, open-beam ceilings and stained-glass windows and transoms.

Amy Woldt-Johnson, the city's historic-preservation specialist, said 93 percent of the 2,583 buildings in the district are architecturally significant, meaning they were built in a recognized style that has staved intact.

### No state homeland cash

AL MONTGOMERY — Two vears after Alahama hecame the first state in the country to establish a senarate homeland security department, the House approved a budget that strips state funding from the agency. Homeland Security Director Jim Walker said the loss of funding could make it difficult to continue as a senarate agency. The agency receives most of its money from federal grants.

A relatively small appropriation from the state covers mostly administrative costs

### Boy shot, killed at party

DALLAS — A North Ambigh school football player was shot to death after a man opened fire at a party, police said.

Dallas Lincoln sophomore Pat Hill was shot and killed in Arlington when a man who was not invited to the party began firing indiscriminately moments after he was asked to leave, police said.

Hill, 16, was the backup free safety on last season's Class 4A Division II state finalist football team. He played mostly on special teams last season but the team's coaches said they expected he would start next season and could someday play in college.

"I just can't believe this. He was like my little brother," said Courtney Herndon, a starter in the defensive secondary who was Hill's mentor last season. "It just hurts to see

Hill was shot once in the chest.

### Remote fire challenging

that he's gone."

MA HINSDALE — Firefighters used their wits — and some snow - to battle a fire in a remote cabin.

About a dozen Hinsdale firefighters trekked three-quarters of a mile to the burning, one-story seasonal camp on Bullard's Crossing

Since the road was not plowed, fire trucks and other vehicles could not reach the scene, and the firefighters had to carry their equipment — including five-gallon water cans on their backs - to reach the cottage.

They shoveled snow through a bedroom window and pumped water from the cans that usually

are used for brush fires to knock down the cabin's flames. Firefighters were at the scene for more than three hours

Fire Chief Larry Turner said it was the first time his people ever had to use snow to put out a blaze.

The fire, which Turner labeled suspicious, burned out a room in the cabin.

### Witness to heatification

HONOLULU — Seventeen nuns of the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse will travel from Hawaii to Rome in May for the Catholic Church's heatification of Mother Marianne Cope.

The nuns will join other Hawaii residents for the May 15 ceremony in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican when Pope John Paul II will declare her "Blessed" Marianne Cope. The group will include some patients from the Kalaupapa Settlement on Molokai.

Cope was born in 1838 in Germany as Barbara Koob. She arrived in the United States two years later, settling with her family in Utica. N.Y. She took her religious vows in 1863 with the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis.

She helped establish St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica in 1866, and three years later helped form Syracuse's first hospital now St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center.

Mother Marianne arrived in Hawaii in 1883 to help Hansen's Disease patients at Kalaupapa. She died there in 1918.

She is the first woman with Hawaii ties to be on the nath of sainthood in the Catholic Church.

### **Budget exceeds cap**

CT HARTFORD — Gov. M. Jodi Rell's two-year budget plan exceeds a state spending can that was enacted in 1991 to curb spending after lawmakers passed a controversial state income tax.

Rell wants to break the cap to help struggling nursing homes. Some Democrats see the proposal as a sign they should rethink the cap, which more than 80 percent of voters approved in 1992

## Nailing down a contract

MI GRAND RAPIDS — Mem-bers of the city's largest union, who have been working without a contract for more than two years, overwhelmingly approved a new labor agreement, union officials said. The contract included a retroactive raise of 2 percent for 2004 and 3 percent raises for 2005 and 2006. The contract covers 700 workers, according to Philip Pakiela, president of the Grand Rapids Employees Independent Union.

### Avoiding union dues

WA OLYMPIA — State workers in 10 bargaining units have filed netitions to leave their unions before their new contracts take effect. A law allowed state workers unions to negotiate pay for the first time last fall. Most unions agreed to contracts that included the first general pay raise since 2001. The agreements also require workers covered to pay dues or representation fees.

Some workers claim they were blindsided by the fees.

Stories and photos from wire services

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# Living to a new beat



M.I.A, the 27-year-old daughter of a Sri Lankan rebel, is giving world music a makeover with an exotic hip-hop/electronic hybrid that blends a youth spent on the run from authorities with the urban eclecticism she found upon moving to London as a refugee.

# Rapper uses chaotic life for debut album

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Sri Lankan rapper

BY SUSAN CARPENTER
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD

It's hard to say which is more interesting: M.I.A.'s background or her
music. Beginning as a youth on the
run from authorities, continuing as a
en refugee in London and now as an art-

teen refugee in London and now as an artist with what is likely to be one of the most written-about albums of 2005, the 27-year-old daughter of a Sri Lankan rebel has lived a tragic yet extraordinary life. Already, M.I.A.'s electro-Bollywood-hip-hop has generated gargantuan in-

terest among pop tastemakers, all of it based on a single song. "Galang," named one of last year's 10 best singles in Rolling Stone's critics' poll, is an intensely shythmic cul-

intensely rhythmic culture clash that draws heavily on American gangsta rap and Hindi film, Jamaican dancehall, Europop and multiculti gibberish.
M.I.A.'s debut album, "Arular," out April 25

"Arular," out April 25 from XL Recordings, is a more in-depth exploration of the singer's refugee eclecticism.

Vacillating between attitude and innocence, her songs are tough-talking raps, but they're softened by a Hindi vocal style that ends lines of lyrics with curlicue

upswings.

M.I.A.'s sold-out performance at the Knitting Factory Hollywood was equally iconoclastic. Waving her hands and self-con-

sciously pacing the stage before a DJ and swirling lights, she was half hip-hop bravado and half "how did I get here?" "It kind of shocked me that there were so many people that knew the songs," M.I.A. said the next day. "My album's not out."

Born Maya Arulpragasam in London, she moved to Sri Lanka with her family when she was 6 months old. It was 1978, and tensions between the country's two ethnic groups were growing. M.I.A and her family were Tamil in a country dominated by Sinhalese; her father was part of a militant group seeking independence. Rebel activities kept her father separat-

ed from the family and her family on the run for the next decade. When civil war broke out, they relocated to India.

With her family close to starvation, an uncle helped move M.I.A.'s family back to Sri Lanka. In their native country, they at least had a support system, even if the war was in full swing.

Several failed attempts to flee the country ended with M.I.A. and her family moving to India, then London. Her father stayed behind.

M.I.A. was 10 when her family settled in a housing project in London. Until then, her only contact with music was Bollywood films, television theme songs and bootleg tapes of Michael Jackson and Boney M. In England, she had a radio and

a lot of cultural catching up to do. Madonna and Bananarama were her guides.

In 1988, rap still held a sort of outsider appeal that immediately connected with the young South Asian transplant. M.I.A. didn't understand English, but she connected with the rhythm and look of Public Enemy, N.W.A.

M.I.A. never intended

to be a rapper, or even a musician. She wanted to be an artist. As a student at St. Martin's Art School in London, she began exploring film. But when an art gallery asked her to contribute work to a

show, she branched out to painting. It was her paintings that brought M.I.A. into contact with Justine Frischmann, former leader of the rock band Elastica, who commissioned her to create the cover art for its 2000 album, "Menace." Frischmann also saked M.I.A to accompany the group on its U.S. tour, videotaping their shows.

Electro pioneer Peaches was touring with the band and encouraged M.I.A. to begin experimenting with the primitive sequencing machine that had become her stock in trade—a Roland MC-505.

stock in trade — a Roland MC-505.

The predicted M.I.A. would be singing along to the beats she was building one year later, but M.I.A. resisted. Tone deaf and lacking the self-confidence to front her own band, she recruited four singers for the job.

"I thought that I did what I did because I couldn't sing — that when other people did it, they were going to do it better, but my stuff had a certain thing to it. They couldn't even understand what I was doing."

## Pat O'Brien checks into rehab

Television host **Pat O'Brien**, anchor of "The Insider" news magazine show, has entered an alcohol rehabilitation program, he said in a written statement Sunday. "I have had a problem with alcohol. I have decided to

take action by checking myself into an intensive recovery program," the 57-year-old broadcast journalist said.

There were no details about the recovery facility or when O'Brien entered the program.

O'Brien also covered the Summer Olympics in Greece for MSNBC and NBC late-night programming.

The show's New York host, Lara Spencer, will take over during O'Brien's absence.

### Celebrities can't avoid slime

With top stars including Frankie Muniz, Lil Romeo and Hilary Duff lined up to present this year's Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards, there could be a serious shortage of green slime at the April 2 show.

It has become a tradition that one or more celebrities



are surprised during the program by being doused with green slime, the trademark booby-prize of Nickelodeon's audience-participation shows. Last year, the Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen got the honor. Other Hollywood A listers who

have signed up as program presenters include Chris Rock, Halle

Duff Berry, Cameron
Diaz, Justin Timberlake, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Jimmy
Fallon, Will Ferrell and Amber Tam-

"I think I'm going to be bringing a change of clothes," said the show's host. Ben Stiller.

Rapper/actor Will Smith and the punk-pop quintet Simple Plan are among the musicians scheduled to perform during the show, which will be broadcast live on the Nickelodeon cable television network.

### Lynch pursues dream teaching job

Former POW **Jessica Lynch** plans to pursue her dream of becoming a kindergarten teacher.

The 21-year-old Army supply clerk, whose wounding

and rescue made her one of the Iraq war's most famous soldiers, said Fri-

war's most famous soldiers, said Friday that she plans to start online courses at West Virginia University this fall.

Former Gov. Bob Wise had promised Lynch the state would finance her education at any public college or university in West Virginia.

Lynch is busy traveling and making several speeches a month about her experience as a POW. On Friday, she posed for photographs during a

women's luncheon in Morgantown. In 2003, her 507th Army Mainte-

nance Company convoy took a wrong turn in the Iraqi town of Nasiriyah and was attacked. Eleven American soldiers were killed and six, including Lynch, were captured.





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# **Horoscope**

Tension is palatable as we build toward the full moon on Friday. With the culmination of a scenario just days away, who can stay in the moment? We're living **Holiday Mathis** for when X happens, as though life will be somehow more real than now. It's myth, and the sooner you recognize this, the sooner you'll join this moment before it's lost forever.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 23). You clearly see the steps that will lead you to fantastic ways to make money and better yourself simultaneously. Instead of rushing, just work your plan day by day. Relationships unfold beautifully next month. You'll earn a financial bonus in June. Friendships grow closer in December. Some turn into love — most likely with a Gemini or

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe from the outside it looks as though you're marching alongside the other soldiers. But inside, you are crying to be liberated. Sever the cord that's keeping you tied to some-

one or something you dislike.

Capricorn.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a passport to the wild side of life tonight, though you have to go through customs to get there. You may decide it's not worth the trouble Leo or Pisces company will enhance an experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In order to have romance in your life. you must think romantic thoughts and fill your eyes with romantic visions - like a train bound for nowhere, eyes that glisten when they look at you or the moon reflecting on a lake.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Lay down the rules, even if you must risk being momentarily unpopular to do so. There are very few who would dare not respect your authority these days. Roommates or associ-

ates act more responsibly LEO (July 23-Aug. 22), Extra cash burns a hole in your pocket Don't spend a dime until vou've

looked at the overall picture of your financial situation. Your bookkeeping is off; remedy it now to avoid fees and late charges

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An idea from the past hangs in your

mind like an abandoned tire resting in a roadside ditch. Mental cleanup includes consciously deciding on one course of action and letting go of the other possibilities.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Today features the return of that adolescent fantasy of love in which you sail off into infinity with your one true soul mate. Snap out of it, and tonight's date

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Read and converse. You'll be tested on cultural literacy or common knowledge. This is no formal test you won't be caught on camera by Jay Leno or anything — but people who matter are definitely sizing you

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Life is complex. You long for simplicity and imagine a parallel universe where you while away the day reading poems and singing songs about the seasons. Nah. you're better off in your exhilarating

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Visual stimulation has the power to sway you. You are especially mesmerized by attractive people. Just be sure you're not bamboozled into a raw deal be cause of your fascination with beau-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Maturity is the difference between a successful relationship and a stress ful one. When someone is unhappy, you adjust as needed. Instead of getting frustrated, you try every ontion until one works

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're sensitive to murmurs that something just isn't right. You're not sure if you're looking at an early warning sign or making mountains out of molehills. Investigate. Take preventative action.

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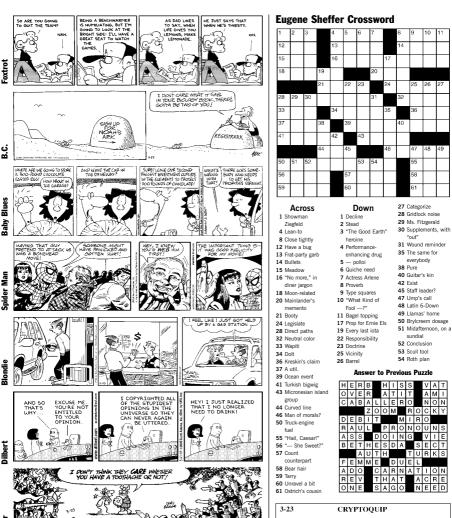








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# **Looking to end angry outbursts**

Dear Abby: I really, really need your help. I have serious anger issues. Almost every day I lash out at my mother, and it makes her very sad. Recently my mom went through a bout of depression. She has relanses sometimes, yet I am unable to control my Dear Abby yelling at her. I am 13. but I realize that I am already an abuser and I don't know how to ston Little things set me off on

poor mother. Please help me. I'm afraid I will hurt her one day because of this, and I would never forgive myself. And please don't print my name and ad dress. We live in a small town, and I don't want neonle to know. - 13 And Scared in Virgin-

a screaming frenzy at my

Dear Scared: It is important that you pinpoint exactly what is making you so angry. If it is something other than your mother, then you're making her a

scapegoat for what is really bothering you. If it IS your moth er, you must find healthier, more constructive ways of expressing your anger than screaming at her because, as you have pointed

out, it may escalate. I have a booklet that could

help you to understand and control your out bursts. It's called "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." It can be ordered by sending a business-size, self-ad-

dressed envelope, plus a check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Book let, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, II.

61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.) Among the suggestions I offer in the booklet are: "Recognize that you are getting angry. Admit that your buttons are being pushed and that you're about to 'lose it'

(By losing it, I mean expressing yourself emotionally, without control.) "Some healthy, accept-

able ways to express anger Express it calmly without being ive or calling names. Say, 'When you do ( ), it makes me angry.' And then explain why.

"Take a walk. Remove your self from the source of your anger until you cool off.
"Write a letter to the person

who has angered you, expressing your feelings. You may never deliver it; in fact, you probably shouldn't — but you'll feel much better once you get your emotions down on paper and out of your system

"When all else fails — have a good cry. That, too, will lessen

But whatever you do, do NOT raise your hand in anger against your mother. If your anger is truly out of control, ask your mother to make an appointment for you to discuss it with a psychologist so he or she can help you form the tools to control it or channel it in a constructive way. Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby/Universal Press Syndicate THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arnirion

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(Answers tomorrow) COUGH YACHT KIDNAP NEWEST Answer: When she got the bill for the diamond pin, he aot - "STUCK" WITH IT

# Let wife handle cheating husband

Dear Annie: I dated a Annie's Mailbox 23-year-old man for about three months. We had so much fun together. There was not one day that we did not see each other, and yes, we had sex. He ended up going back to the United States, and we decided we wouldn't be able to sustain a long-distance relationship. So, we pretty much just called it off.

The day after he left, I received a phone call from his wife. This man told me he was never married. She wanted to know the details, and I told her everything. I even let her know that he said he loved me and that he cried the night before he left.

I tried to convince his wife that her husband is the one who messed up and that she and her 2-year-old son can do so much better. A month later, she called me again to tell me they are still together. This time I asked her to



her husband called me as well, but I was so upset, I hung up on

Why should she stay with that snake? Should I just stay out of their lives and let him continue lying to her?

- Betrayed in Canada Dear Betrayed: Yes, stay out of their lives and let them deal with

their own problems. There is nothing you can say or do that will make things better for either of them, or for yourself. You've learned a bitter lesson, but you survived it and will be smarter next time.

### Dear Annie: I wanted to

him

underscore your advice to "Prematurely Stuck in Adulthood. the young man who was distressed about taking life too seriously. He referred to this tendency as a "personality shortcoming" and asked how to loosen up

As a professional coach and certified behavioral analyst, I work with my clients to maximize their strengths. Based on his core behavioral style, this gentleman has many wonderful and valuable strengths that he may not be aware of. He is probably very conscientious and loyal, and will often go the extra mile to get the job done - and done right. He is also someone who maintains high standards for himself and is attentive to detail.

Your advice to him not to be so hard on himself was sound. These are all wonderful, valuable characteristics

\_M.I.S. Crossville Tenn Dear Crossville: Thank you for your expert opinion.

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## Correction

The high school softball preview Thursday stated errone-ously stated that Sigonella would play in the European Division III tournament at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Incirlik, not Sigonella, will participate in the tournament

## AFN TV & Radio

### Wednesday

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.—College basketba IIT second round, Cal State-Fullerton leorgetown (dld). Georgetown (dld).

AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.—College basketball:
NIT second round, UNLV at South Carolina AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—Baseball: Spring train

Thursday AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m. - NBA: San Antonio at

ndiana. **AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m.**—NBA: Detroit at Phildelphia. AFN-Radio, 2 a.m.—NBA: Detroit at Phila-

sorts 4:30 a m -NRA: Dallas at Goldn State. AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NBA: Boston at New 'ork (dld). York (ald).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.—College basketball:

NIT second round, teams TBD (dld).

AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.—Golf: The Players

Championship, first round.

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rrz. Cincinnati vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla. Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla. San Francisco vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz.

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A. Angels vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz. n Diego vs. Kansas City (ss) at Surprise

## College basketball

# Men's NCAA tournament

OPENING ROUND Tuesday, March 15 Oakland, Mich. 79, Alabama A&M 69 SYRACUSE REGIONAL First Round Friday, March 18

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First Round
Thursday, March 17
Wisconsin-Milwaukee 83, Alabams
Boston College 85, Pennsylvania 61
Nevada 61, Texas 57
Illinois 67, Fairleigh Dickinson 55
Arizona 66, Utah State 53
UAB 82, LSU 68
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Oklahoma State 63, Southeasterr
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Second Round Second Round Saturday, March 19 Wis.-Milwaukee 83, Boston Colle Illinois 71, Nevada 59 Arizona 85, UAB 63

Arizona 85, UAB 63
Sunday, March 20
Oklahoma State 85, Southern Illinois 77
Semifinals
Thursday, March 24
Illinois (34-1) vs. Wisconsin-Milwauk

(26-5) Okiahoma State (26-6) vs. Arizona (29-6) Saturday, March 26

Championship

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Oklahoma 94, Niagara 67
Utah 60, Texas-El Paso 54
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vs. Louisville (31 وت عيان المارة) West Virginia (23-10) vs. Texas (22-10) Saturday, March 26 Championship

FINAL FOUR At Edward Jones Dome St. Louis

National Semifinals
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 2
Chicago Regional champion vs. Albuquerque Regional champion
Syracuse Regional champion vs. Austin Regional champion
Monday, April 4
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## **National Invitation Tournament**

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Semifinals
Monday, March 21
John Brown T3, Carroli, Mont. 60
Azusa Pacific 96, Robert Morris-Chicago 88
Championship
Tuesday, March 22
John Brown (23-11) vs. Azuza Pacific (29-5)

First Round
Wednesday, March 16
Texas A&M 71, Tulss 62
Xavier 87, Western Kentucky 85
Indiana State 72, Illinois 60
Gonzaga 71, BYU 57
Thursday, March 17
South Florida 56

South Florida 51, Florida 56 St, John's 48, Delaware 42 Arkansas State 78, Mississippi State 61 Southwest Missouri State 83, SMU 56 Nebraska 66, Marquette 57 Friday, March 18 Kentucky 79, Eastern Michigan 68 Chattanooga 50, Villanova 40 Wake Forest 100, Charlotte 75

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# Men's NCAA Div. II tournament

Quarterfinals
Wednesday, March 23
Bryant (23-8) vs. Mount Olive (29-4)
Tarleton State (24-8) vs. Cal Poly Pt

24-5)
Metro State (29-3) vs. Virginia Union (27-4)
Lynn (28-5) vs. Findlay (30-3)
Semifinals
Thursday, March 24
Bryant/Mount Olive vs. Tarieton State/Cal

Saturday, March 26 Championship

## Men's NAIA Div. I tournament

## Women's NIT

Military basketball

Xavier (22-9) at Kentucky (17-15) Wake Forest (16-13) at, West Virginia

Wake r.... (19-12) Texas A&M (16-14) at Southwess. State (22-8) Arkansas State (21-10) at lowa (22-9) March 26-28 A&M (16-14) at Southwest Missouri Semifinals
March 30-April 1
Championship

## College baseball

### Monday's scores

# College hockey

### NCAA tournament EAST REGIONAL

Semifinals Friday, March 25 College (25-6-7) vs (1) Boston Co urst (18-15-4) vs. (4) Mercy-(2) North Dakota (22-14-5) vs. (3) Boston U. (23-13-4)

WEST REGIONAL

\*\*\*E31 KEGIUNAL Semifinals Saturday, March 26
(1) Minnesota (26-14-1) vs. (4) Maine (20-12-7) (2) Compair (7-2)

(2) Cornell (26-4-3) vs. (3) Ohio State (27-10-4) Championship Sunday, March 27 Minnesota/Maine vs. Cornell/Ohio State MIDWEST REGIONAL

Friday, March 25 o College (29-8-3) vs. (4) Col-(1) Colorado gate (25-10-3) (2) Michigar (23-13-4) ) an (30-7-3) vs. (3) Wisconsin

Saturday, March 26 College/Colgate vs. Michi NORTHEAST REGIONAL

urday, March 26 (1) Denver (28-9-2) vs. (4) Bemidji State (23-12-1) (2) New Hampshire (25-10-5) vs. (3) Har-vard (21-9-3)

Championship Sunday, March 27 Denver/Bemidji State 

Semifinals Thursday, April 7 egional champion n vs. Midwest Nortneast Regional champion vs. Midwest Regional champion East Regional champion vs. West Regional

Saturday, April 9 Championsh

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oacn. CINCINNATI—Named Dan Roushar offen-ive line coach. DUQUESNE—Named Jerry Schmitt football oach.

JACKSONVILLE—Announced the retire-nent of Hugh Durham, men's basketball

en's volleyball coach.

PRESBYTERIAN—Named Jason Childs PRESENTIENIAN—Named Jason Childs men's lacrosse coach.

UC RIVERSIDE—Named David Spencer men's basketball coach.

VMI—Named Jon Genson running backs coach and Greg Shockley wide receivers coach.

# 2005 USAFE championships

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RAF MILDENHALL, England — Results Monday and Tuesday in the 2005 USAFE mens and women's basketball tournaments, and women's basketball tournament Army. Air Force Final Four Lournament March 11-April 2 at Barnberg, Germany:

March 11-April 2 at Barnberg, Germany:

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eath was 3-2.

Wednesday's game
Championship, noon
Ramstein vs. Mildenhall
Women women Monday's games Ramstein 74, Spangdahlem 34 Mildenhall 79, Aviano 64 Mildenhall finished pool play 3-0; Ram-Mildenhali Ilmsires pro-stein was 2-1 Tuesday's games No games scheduled Wednesday's game Championship

Champion Mildenhall vs. Ramstein

## **Deals**

## Monday's transactions

MONINGY S IT GENERALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Optioned RHP Chris
Spurling to Toledo of the IL Reassigned RHP
Craig Dingman and RHP Sean Douglass to
their minor league camp.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Released INF Homer

JSD. TEYAS DANGEDS \_ Doloacod LHD LD Cock. oft, LHP Ben Foster, LHP Ken Holubec, LHP ustin Lensch, RHP Nick Seely and RHP Joldy

Watts.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Reassigned LHP
Jesse Carlton, RHP Spike Lundberg and RHP
Michael Nannini to their minor league camp.
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Promoted Michael Hill vice president, assistant general manag

r. HOUSTON ASTROS—Optioned LHP Carlos ernandez to Round Rock of the PCL. Reas-gned RHP Turk Wendell and OF Charles Gipon to their minor league camp.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Reassigned RHP
Marty McLeary and RHP Danny Patterson to
ortiand of the PCI.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Optioned RHP Brad Hennessey and OF Todd Linden to Fres-no of the PCL. Reassigned RHP Matt Kinney and RHP Jeremy Fikac to their minor league camp.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Optioned INI
Brendan Harris to New Orleans of the PCL
Reassigned RHP Hector Carrasco and INI

Brendan Harris to New Orleans of the Pct.
George Aris to The Primor Reque camp.

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Coach, and Stephen Silas, assistant Coach.
Named Brendan Malone interim coach.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed G-F Anfernee
Hardaway on the injured list, Activated C
Jackie Butler from the injured list.

ackie Butler from the injured list. SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Placed C Tim Dun-tan on the injured list. Activated F-C Sean darks from the injured list. Women's National Basketball Association WNBA—Named Aaron Salking director of communications.

WHBA—Named Aaron Salking director of communications. WASHINGTON SHIPS TO SANGERS FOR THE SHIPS T NEW YORK GIANTS—Re-signed OB Jesse aimer. WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Re-signed LB hris Clemons and WR Gari Scott, Released

B Maurice Jones.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS—Named Dan Courtemanche senior
ice president of marketing & communica-

coach.
KEENE STATE-Named Bob Weiner wom-

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# **Spurs fall flat without Duncan**

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Tim Duncan was missed by the San Antonio Spurs, and Malik Rose made sure his former team missed him, too.

Rose knocked down a pair of 18-foot jumpers to complete a 14-0 run to start the fourth quarter, getting a measure of revenge against the team that traded him last month as the New York Knicks defeated the San Antonio Spurs 88-75 Monday night.

"It was definitely personal for him," teammate Jamal Crawford

Rose had 18 points - his most since joining the Knicks 10 games

The Orlando Magic can ill af-

ford to have any more games slip

away from them. Otherwise, their playoff hopes may disappear just

The Magic blew a 16-point lead

trating. but we're going to

get to the playoffs," Orlan-do's Dwight

against expansion Charlotte in a

102-97 loss Monday night ending the Bobcats' 10-game losing streak. "It's frus

Howard said. "We've got 15 more

games left. We can't let any more slip away like this."

Orlando fell a half-game behind Philadelphia for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Confer-

ence. Grant Hill sat with his head buried in his hands for almost 10

minutes. All around him, his

Magic teammates seemed to be in a similar state of disbelief. The Bobcats rallied in the second half, and got a running jump er from Brevin Knight with 12.4 seconds to play to help end their

The Magic went into the game

without Steve Francis, who was suspended three games by the

NBA earlier Monday for kicking

a photographer last week. He sat

out his first game Saturday — an

Orlando victory — but the Magic

couldn't make it two in a row with-

It made for a long night for in-

terim coach Chris Jent, who

dropped to 1-1 since taking over after Johnny Davis was fired last

week amid a seven-game losing

"They kept playing. They out-played us," Jent said. "It takes a

lot of commitment to play 48 min-

utes. We gave a great effort, but

we played a half of basketball and

Hill led Orlando with 25 points

and Howard had 21 points and 13

rebounds - but he scored just

Bulls 105, Hawks 91: At Chi-

points in his return to the Bulls

lineup and Ben Gordon added 17.

Eddy Curry scored 24

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roundup

long losing streak.

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that's not enough."

streak

against the team he spent the past 71/2 seasons with

Duncan was sidelined by a sprained ankle, and the Spurs were without the player used to back him up. Instead. Rose made his first start since joining the Knicks 10 games ago, replacing Kurt Thomas (infected elbow).

"In the beginning it was kind of nerve-racking. All day I was sitting around, couldn't really get a good nap or anything like that. I just wanted to get it over with, Rose said.

Stephon Marbury scored the Knicks' final 14 points of the third and finished with 31 points and 10 assists despite being guarded by

Magic fall behind in playoff chase

as Bobcats end 10-game streak

hest defenders

New York, trying to keep its slim playoff hopes alive, gained a game on the Orlando Magic and pulled within 31/2 games of eighth-place Philadelphia in the Eastern Conference standings with 17 games remaining.

Devin Brown scored 22 points for the Spurs, who were held to their second-lowest point total of the season. Tony Parker added 14 points, but only four came after he started the game 5-for-5 and scored San Antonio's first 10

Duncan was placed on the injured list Monday and will be sidelined at least two weeks with a seriously sprained right ankle.

### NBA scoreboard

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## **NBA** coaching changes

2004-05 season
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Dallas Mavericks — Don Nelson, Avery
ohnson (March 19).
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 Minnesota Timberwolves — Flip Saunders, Kevin McHale (Feb. 12).
 New York Knicks — Lenny Wilkens, Herb Williams (Jan. 21).
Orlando Magic — Johnny Davis, Chris Jent,
interim (March 17).
Portland Trail Blazers — Maurice Cheeks,
Kevin Pritchard, interim (March 2).

### **NBA** leaders Through March 20 Scoring

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fight for a rebound during the first quarter in Charlotte, N.C., Monday.

Curry, the 6-foot-11 center who missed the Bulls' previous three games because of a strained left hamstring was 8-for-13 from the field and 8-for-9 from the line.

Josh Smith scored 16 points to lead the Hawks, who are an NBA-worst 11-55, have lost five straight and 18 of their last 19 Mavericks 103, Hornets 86:

At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki had 25 points and eight rebounds, and rookie Devin Harris added a season-high 17 points for the Mayer-

Dallas has won both games since Avery Johnson took over for Don Nelson on Saturday and has victories in five of its last six overall.

Rookie J.R. Smith had a season-high 27 points for the Hornets, who have lost six of eight.

Clippers 96, Trail Blazers 89: At Los Angeles, Elton Brand and

Corey Maggette each scored 22 as the Clippers beat the Trail Blazers

Los Angeles had a season-high 13 blocks — six off the franchise record. Bobby Simmons had 15 points for the Clippers, who reached the 30-win mark for only the fourth time in the last 12 sea-

After playing eight of their pre vious nine games against clubs currently holding down a playoff spot, the Clippers salvaged a 2-2 split of the season series in a matchup of teams heading to the NBA lottery.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 23 points and 14 rebounds and Darius Miles added 20 points for the injury-ravaged Trail Blazers (23-42), whose fifth straight loss assured them of their first losing season since 1988-89 (39-43) and only the fourth since the franchise won its only NBA title in 1976-77

# Charlotte Bobcats' Emeka Okafor (50) and Orlando Magic's Kelvin Kato



Orlando Magic guard Steve Francis, right, was given a three-day suspension by the NBA for kicking a courtside photographer Friday.

# Francis suspension set at three games by NBA

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Orlando guard Steve Francis was suspended three games Monday by the NBA for kicking a courtside photographer last week.

"This definitely doesn't make it easy," interim coach Chris Jent said before the Magic played the Charlotte Bobcats. "You lose your catalyst, your guy. We have great players, but it's hard to replace Steve Francis."

The NBA initially suspended Francis indefinitely after he kicked a photographer in the fourth quarter of the Magic's loss in Seattle on Friday. After an investigation, the league settled on the three-game suspension.

Francis began his suspension at Portland on Saturday and will sit out Orlando's next two games, both against the Bobcats.

## Iverson foresees NBA penalty after argument with official

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson said Monday he's been contacted by the NBA regarding his allegation that a referee made inappropriate comments to him during a heated exchange following the 76ers' loss to the Chicago Bulls.

He also said he expected to be fined or suspended because he started the argument.

Iverson, upset about calls, challenged referee Marc Davis after the 94-88 loss on Saturday, and said Davis responded by saying he would "whup my ass."

Iverson had to be restrained by teammates, and a few minutes later was seen heading in the direction of the referees' dressing room before general manager Billy King interceded and calmed him down.

"From the history of it, I suspect something will happen to me," said Iverson, who did not practice with the team because of a thumb injury. "I would not be surprised if they decide I was wrong and should be punished.

"I said things that if it was during a game I'd probably get a [technical foul]. And if I kept on



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going like I was, I would've been thrown out of the game."

NBA spokesman Tim Frank declined comment.

Iverson said Davis' response surprised him, but he didn't think the referee would be unfair down the road to him or the team.

"Regardless of what he said, I don't think he'd do anything in the future as far as making calls against me," Iverson said. "I think he respects the game more than that."

### Lakers F Odom's injury diagnosed as shoulder tear

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Los Angeles Lakers forward Lamar Odom was diagnosed Monday with a small tear and a rotator cuff contusion in his left shoulder.

Odom, who did not accompany the Lakers on their road trip, was examined Monday by team doctor Steve Lombardo and shoulder specialist Dr. James Tibone. He will be re-evaluated Wednesday and is considered day-to-day, the team said.

The Lakers play at Utah on Tuesday and at Denver on Thursday.

Odom was hurt during the first half against Indiana on Friday night. He leads the team in rebounds (10.2) and is averaging 15.2 points, 3.7 assists and 1.02 blocks in 36.3 minutes.

### **Bulls activate Deng**

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls activated forward Luol Deng from the injured list Monday.

The 6-foot-8 rookie from Duke missed 10 games with a right ankle sprain. He has started 45 games this season and is averaging 12.2 points and 5.4 rebounds.

The Bulls placed rookie center Jared Reiner on the injured list with a left hip flexor strain. He is averaging 1.2 points and 1.8 rebounds in 11 games.

# NFL competition committee has plenty to say at meetings

# Tagliabue says talks to extend CBA are at 'dead end'

BY BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — A week in Maui was anything but a vacation for the NFL's competition committee.

The eight voting members of the committee, headed by Tennessee Titans coach Jeff Fisher and Atlanta Falcons General Manager Rich McKay, are making 19 rules proposals to the owners at the annual meetings. Several are controversial enough to cause vehement debate.

Among the proposals areadopting the college rule for
15-yard defensive pass interference penalties rather than continuing with spot fouls — unless of
the fine of scrimmage; eliminating peel-back blocks below the
waist outside the tackle box; and
extending replay challenges to
cover fumbles on plays already
whistled by officials because the
ball carrier was ruled to be down
by contact.

The committee also seeks to eliminate "horse-collar tackles," where the defender grabs the ball carrier inside the back of the shoulder pads and immediately drags him down while also falling on his legs. Such tackles would be deemed unsportsmanlike con-

duct, a 15-yard penalty.

"We want to eliminate dangerous plays that lead to injuries,"
Fisher said Monday. "We looked
at all injury tapes and 90 percent
of lower extremity injuries, eight
or nine could've been avoided.
Four or five were associated with
this type of technique."

Another replay change would be the elimination of the buzzer system, which McKay and Fisher both comically mentioned is abused by certain coaches to slow down the run of play. No longer will coaches be able to claim the buzzer went off accidentally because they won't be hooked up; only by throwing the red flag only by throwing the red flag only the flowing the red flag officials about a challense.

"If you throw the flag and don't have any more challenges or timeouts," McKay added, "it will be a [15-yard] penalty."

Another proposal will protect a player who is out of a play from being blindsided, a tactic often used against kickers or punters, or against quarterbacks after an interception.

Earlier Monday, commissioner Paul Tagliabue told the owners that talks to extend the collective bargaining agreement with the players are "at a dead end."

While Tagliabue would not concede that internal squabbles have stalled talks, it was evident from owners that the simmering contention between high-revenue and low-revenue teams has contributed as much to the impasse as a division between the union and the league.

"The union is asking for a lot of money," said Dan Rooney, the owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, one of the have-not teams. "We can't get to that because of where we are among ourselves."

# Compensatory draft picks awarded

The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Philadelphia and St. Louis will get four compensatory picks in next month's NFL Draft and Carolina, New England and San Francisco will get three each among the 32 extra choices mandated by the league's labor agreement.

A total of 14 teams will get extra selections in the third through seventh rounds, based on the value of the free agents they lost in 2004.

The Titans, who lost defensive linemen Jevon Kearse to Philadelphia and Robaire Smith to Houston, will get the first of the choices, 96th overall at the end of the third round. Denver will get two compensatory choices in that round. 97th and 101st.

Seattle, Kansas City and New England also will get third-rounders.

The number of picks a team receives and the rounds they come in are based on a formula that takes into account salary, playing time and postseason honors by players they lost. The maximum any one team can get is four nicks.

### Pats-Raiders to open season

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The NFL champion Patriots will open the season Sept. 8 with a home game against the Oakland Raid-

The Thursday night opener has become a tradition. This will be the fourth such opener.

In announcing the opening weekend's national TV schedule, the league also placed the NFC champion Eagles on the road for the first Monday night game. Philadelphia will be at Atlanta in a re-



match of the NFC championship

Also on the first weekend, Indianapolis will be at Baltimore for the Sunday night game on ESPN, and Dallas is at San Diego for the Fox afternoon doubleheader on Sunday, Sept. 11.

The remainder of the 2005 schedule will be announced next month, except for the Oct. 2 Sunday night game between the host Arizona Cardinals and San Francisco 49ers in Mexico City.

## Falcons sign LB Hartwell

ATLANTA — Free agent linebacker Ed Hartwell signed a six-year, \$26.25 million contract with the Atlanta Falcons on Monday.

The deal includes an \$8 million signing bonus, which is guaranteed money, and he will earn \$10 million in the first two years.

### Ravens match offer sheet for backup RB Taylor

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens have matched the one-year, \$3 million offer sheet running back Chester Taylor signed last week with the Cleveland Browns.

The Ravens had until Wednesday to match the offer for free agent Taylor, the primary backup to Pro Bowler Jamal Lewis, but opted to act Monday.

The deal includes a \$2 million base salary, a \$1 million signing bonus and a pair of \$100,000 incentive clauses.

# Former Panther Carruth's request for new trial denied

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Former Carolina Panthers player Rae Carruth was denied a request for a new trial in the 1999 shooting death of his pregnant girlfriend. Judge Charles C. Lamm Jr. on

Monday rejected defense arguments that a 911 call made by Cherica Adams moments after her shooting should not have been allowed into evidence at Carruth's 2000 trial.

The former wide receiver is

serving a sentence of at least 18 years and 11 months at Nash Correctional Institution, about 55 miles from Raleigh.

### Backup QB Palmer re-signs with Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jesse Palmer, the longtime backque quarterback who got more exposure as "The Bachelor" on television than on the field, re-signed with the Giants on Monday.

Terms of the contract were not immediately available. Palmer will compete with Jim Miller for the backup quarter-

back job behind second-year starter Eli Manning.

Former Steelers I B Little

### Former Steelers LB Little dies while lifting weights

PITTSBURGH — David Little, a durable linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers who was voted to the Pro Bowl in 1990, died while weightlifting at home in Miami. He was 46.

Little had heart disease, and a cardiac fluttering Thursday caused him to drop 250 pounds of weights on his chest, the coroner said Tuesday. The weights rolled onto his neck and suffocated him, the coroner said.

# **Bonds might be out for season**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Leaning his head on a crutch and repeatedly saying he was tired, Barry Bonds said he might miss the entire season following his latest knee surgery.

"Right now I'm just going to try to rehab myself to get back to, I don't know, hopefully next sea-son, hopefully the middle of the season. I don't know. Right now I'm just going to take things he said Tuesday after meeting with San Francisco Giants trainer Stan Conte for 11/2 hours.

"I'm 40 years old, not 20, 30," The seven-time NL MVP, who returned to spring camp Tuesday following last week's surgery. made his remarks while sitting at a picnic table outside the Giants' clubhouse with his 15-year-old son. Nikolai, at his side.

Bonds said he was tired and disappointed following a winter in which he was accused of steroid use, his grand jury testimony was leaked and he had two knee operations. He blamed his troubles on the media.

'Vou wanted me to jump off a bridge. I finally did." Bonds said. You finally brought me and my family down. ... So now go pick a different person."

Bonds had his latest surgery

last Thursday in the Bay Area. Though the Giants have not set a timetable for his return, Conte has said it's unlikely he'll be

ready for Opening Day "My son and I are just going to eniov our lives. You guvs wanted to hurt me bad enough, you final-

ly got me," Bonds said. "I'm mentally drained. tired of my kids crying.

Bonds is third on the career homers list with 703, trailing Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron

Last September, the Giants dropped a provision that would have allowed them to void Bonds \$18 million salary in 2006 if he failed to reach 500 plate appearances this year or 1,500 combined from 2003 to 2005, including at least 400 this year.



San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds, shown returning to train ing camp Tuesday in Scottsdale, Ariz.. might be out for the season after a second arthroscopic surgery on his right knee last week.

# Dodgers' Gagne still tentative

Eric Gagne was tentative in his first outing of spring training.

John Smoltz has been dominant in his return to Atlanta's starting rotation.

On Tuesday, Mariano Rivera will make his first relief appearance since March 14.

Gagne tried to adjust his pitching motion to protect his knee during one inning of work Monday. and Derek Lowe gave up two runs against his former team in the Dodgers' 7-3 loss to the Roston Red Sox at Vero Beach, Fla.

The Dodgers' closer hadn't pitched since he sprained a ligament in his knee on Feb. 24. On Monday, the right-hander took a quick hop after every pitch to prevent too much strain on the knee when his front leg landed.

"I tried to protect it and not put too much weight on it," Gagne said. "It feels pretty good right now. I knew it wouldn't feel good

(during the game).' Gagne limped back to the mound after every pitch in the sixth inning. He faced four bat-

ters, walked one, struck out one and got two groundouts "I don't think he was in top condition. He wasn't throwing correct-

ly," pitching coach Jim Colborn said. "I expected that because in his last bullpen [session] he wasn't throwing cleanly. He was falling off the side of the mound

Lowe gave up two runs and six hits, including a single to Red Sox starter Bronson Arroyo, Lowe struck out three and walked two in five innings.

At Kissimmee, Fla., Smoltz pitched four-hit ball over five innings against St. Louis. He has allowed only nine hits in 14 scoreless innings this spring.

Smoltz won the NL Cy Young Award as a starter in 1996, but hasn't started more than five games in a season since '99.

# Cubs' Borowski out at least six weeks

MESA, Ariz. - Chicago Cubs reliever Joe Borowski will miss at least six weeks with a broken bone in his arm, another loss for a pitching staff already without Kerry Wood and Mark Prior.

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Borowski sustained a non-displaced fracture in his right ulna when he was



He's wearing a splint will and begin throwing program when the healing

process complete, approximately six weeks

The injury means the Cubs will have to scramble again to fill a hole on their pitching staff. They're already without their top two starters. Wood and Prior. Wood has bursitis in his shoulder, but was scheduled to throw a side session Tuesday and could pitch



in a game later this week Prior has inflammation in his elbow. He didn't have any soreness after throwing off a mound Sunday, and planned to throw again Tues-

### Cardinals apologize to Helton, Rockies for steroid flap

DENVER - St. Louis Cardinals General Manager Walt Jocketty apologized to the Colorado Rockies for comments by radio broadcaster Wayne Hagin suggesting Colorado first baseman Todd Helton used steroids

"He said on behalf of their organization that he was sorry, and that Todd Helton is one of the finest people in baseball." Rockies General Manager Dan O'Dowd said after a conversation with Jocketty on Monday

Hagin was a Rockies announcer before taking a job with the St. Louis team

Dan Farrell the Cardinals' senior vice president of marketing and sales, said Hagin would not

"It's the Cardinals' understanding that the comments were taken out of context. It's been clarified as to specifically what Wayne was talking about." Farrell said. "We apologize to Todd and to the Rockies for any problems this may have caused. As far as we are concerned, it's a closed matter

In an interview Saturday with a St. Louis radio station, Hagin said, "I know [Helton] tried it because (former Rockies manager) Don Baylor told me. He said to me. 'I told him to get off the juice. that he was a player who didn't need that, get off it.' '

The comment was widely reported as a reference to steroids. but Hagin has insisted he was talking about supplements.

"Not once did I say 'steroids,' " Hagin said. "They have sensationalized this Baylor later said he was refer-

ring to creatine, a legal over-the-counter supplement. Helton denied using steroids

"It's frustrating and disappoint ing that you have to defend yourself for something you didn't do just because some guy wants to talk to hear himself talk," Helton

said in Tucson, Ariz., where the Rockies are in spring training.

### Report: Red Sox to stay in Fenway Park

BOSTON - The Boston Red Sox are set to announce plans to make historic Fenway Park the team's long-term home. The Boston Globe reported Tuesday. Red Sox officials are expected

to announce the team's plan to stay put in Fenway, baseball's oldest and smallest stadium, during an invitation-only gathering of Boston business leaders Wednesday. Those plans also call for the

team to push for public financing to improve streets and sidewalks around the stadium and to build one or more garages and a new train station at Yawkey Way

However, unidentified Red Sox officials told the Globe that the plans aren't contingent on securing public financing for the imnrovements

Phone and e-mail messages for team president Larry Lucchino and Charles Steinberg, the team's executive vice president of public affairs, were not immediately returned Tuesday.

### Norman hopes back surgery will save golf career The Associated Press Nearly a year after defeating The 34-year-old last fought in

JUPITER, Fla. - Fearing he might have to retire from golf. two-time British Open champion Greg Norman had back surgery Tuesday and hopes to resume playing within three months Norman has cut back on his

competitive schedule the past two years because of recurring back pain. He played seven times on the PGA Tour last year, but never broke par and made only one cut He had to withdraw earlier this

month from the Dubai Desert Classic

"I had a simple choice," Norman said. "Either retire from the game of golf or seek any and all available means to help relieve the pain that has kept me from performing at a level that suits my standards, and at the same time improves my quality of life.

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Norman had the 90-minute operation at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Joseph Maroon, the neurosurgeon for the Pittsburgh Steelers since 1977 said Norman is expected to make a full recovery.

Norman turned 50 in February and was expected to play in the Senior PGA Championship in late May at Laurel Valley.

"My desire remains the same, and that is to return to competi-tion as soon as possible," Norman

## Boxer Chavez to get back in ring again LOS ANGELES - Julio Cesar

Chavez is the latest athlete to be drawn out of retirement by the lure of one more paycheck

Frankie Randall in what Chavez said was his final fight, the 42-year-old boxer has another one lined un Chavez will take on Ivan Robin-

son in a 10-round super lightweight fight May 28 at Staples Center that is being hilled as the Mexican's "Adios" to Los Ange-

Chavez (106-5-2, 88 knockouts) has been idle since earning a unanimous decision over Randall in Mexico City in May.

"I know I'm not the same fighter, but there is still a little bit of the Julio you saw," he said. "It's not an easy fight, but I will be ready for him. This fight is for all the Mexican people who live here in L.A.

Robinson (39-9-2, 12 KOs) is best known for two victories over current WBC super lightweight champion Arturo Gatti in 1998. February, winning a six-round unanimous decision over Tyrone Winckler in his hometown of Philadelphia.

"It's a dream come true, but then again this is the scariest fight of my career," Robinson said. "I'm fighting a legend. Out of his wins, his 88 knockouts is really what has astounded me. The kid hasn't fought a hum a day in his life."

He joked about the aging Chavez, saying, "In dog age, they're going to say that's 105 years old."

### Longtime Louisiana-Monroe basketball coach Vining quits

MONROE, La. - Mike Vining resigned as Louisiana-Monroe's haskethall coach Tuesday after 24 years at his alma mater, finish-



Julio Cesar Chavez (106-5-2, 88 knockouts) will come out of retirement to fight Ivan Robinson in a super lightweight bout on May 28

ing with an 8-19 record for his third straight losing season.

in Los Angeles.

Vining said he met with athletic director Bobby Staub during the weekend and decided the program would benefit from new leadership before it moves to the Sun Belt Conference in 2006-07.

### Women's NCAA tournament

# No. 1 seed Michigan St. survives scare from USC

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER The Associated Press

MINNEADOLIS Haynes saved top-seeded Michigan State from an embarrassingly early exit from the NCAA tourna-

Haynes came out of a wild scramble with the ball and made a layup with 2.9 seconds left, giving Michigan State a 61-59 victoover eighth-seeded Southern California in a second-round game Monday night.

Spartans (30-3), who were outhustled and outrebounded by their young, scrappy opponent. But they survived and will take a 14-game winning streak into the semifinals of the Kansas City Regional on Sunday, where they will face fifth-seeded Vanderbilt.

Lindsay Bowen led Michigan State with 19 points, including four huge three-pointers in the second half. Her final three gave the Spartans a 59-56 lead with (20-11) tied it on freshman Brynn Cameron's long three with 21.7 seconds remaining.

The Spartans then got the ball inside, the shot was blocked and players dove all over the floor trying to get the ball. Havnes, a sophomore, finally came up with it to the left of the lane, took a step and made the basket.

Southern Cal wasn't able to get off a final shot and Michigan State moved on, despite going

37.3 seconds to play, but USC more than 5 minutes without scoring in the second half.

> USC got a big game from freshman Camille LeNoir, who scored nine quick points at the start of the second half to get the Trojans back in it after they trailed by six in the first half and finished with a career-high 18. Kim Gipson added 14 for the Trojans, who outrebounded Michigan State 36-31, and Eshaya Murphy scored 14.

Liz Shimek had 14 for Michigan State, which couldn't hold a six-noint lead midway through the second half, and Kristin Havnie scored 12

Despite the loss, the season was positive step in first-year coach Mark Trakh's effort to return the program to national prominence. USC made the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1997 and won 20 games for the first time since that season.

And the Trojans went out knowing they took one of the nation's top programs to the final buzzer.

# Loney, ASU topple fourth-seeded Irish

FRESNO, Calif. - Arizona State's aggressive defense, timely shooting and gritty determination earned the Sun Devils that coveted trip home for the Tempe Regional semifinals.

Kylan Loney scored eight points in the final 1:29 and finished with 20 and the fifth-seeded Sun Devils erased an early 13-point deficit to shock No. 4 Notre Dame 70-61 on Monday night, winning a second-round game for the first time.

They immediately rushed to center court to celebrate

Aubree Johnson had 12 points and nine rebounds and Amy Denson added 11 points and eight rebounds off the bench for the spirited Sun Devils, who gained the momentum on Betsy Boardman's buzzer-beating three-pointer at halftime

The Fighting Irish, ranked 11th in the nation and trying to advance past the second round for the third straight year, didn't exhibit the kind of fight the Sun Devils showed in the second half.

Arizona State (24-9), the Pac-10's top defensive team this season, hustled into the huddle during timeouts and hit the floor for loose balls. Coach Charli Turner Thorne high-fived her players to fire them up at every opportuni-ty — and the Sun Devils kept making big baskets whenever Notre Dame (27-6) threatened.

After Jacqueline Batteast's putback pulled the Irish to 49-44 with 6:11 remaining, Emily Westerberg converted a three-point play on the other end for Arizona State, making an off-balance layup at 5:47. And Kristen Kovesdy answered a Notre Dame score with a fast-break layup at 3:30 to make it 58-50

Batteast had 20 points, eight rebounds and three blocks for Notre Dame, which committed 23 turnovers, had only seven assists and went away from what had worked so well in the first half: pounding the ball inside. Megan Duffy, who brought the Irish back in their first-round victory over UC Santa Barbara, scored 20 of her 24 points after halftime

Also in the Tempe Regional

Minneapolis, Jamie Broback had 23 points and five rebounds to help third-seeded Minnesota beat Virginia for its third straight trip to the round of 16

Janel McCarville, playing her final home game, went 3-forfrom the floor and finished with 11 points, 14 rebounds and four fouls - blowing a kiss and waving to the roaring Williams Arena crowd of 10,043 as she left.

Minnesota (26-7) will play Baylor in Tempe on Saturday.

Sharnee Zoll led sixth-seeded Virginia (21-11) with 20 points.

Baylor 69, Oregon 46: At Seattle, Sophia Young scored 25 points on 11-for-19 shooting, and second-seeded Baylor pulled away with an 18-0 run.

The Lady Bears improved to 29-3, their most victories since winning 29 games in 1980-81 Cathrine Kraayeveld led led 10th-seeded Oregon (21-10) with

### Kansas City Regional

Vanderbilt 63, Kansas State 60: At Seattle, Carla Thomas scored 18 points and fifth-seeded Vanderbilt overcame a late Kan-State rally fourth-seeded Wildcats.

Kansas State senior Laurie Koehn broke the NCAA career record for three-pointers, hitting three to finish her career with Erin Thorn of BYU made 391 from 1999-03.

Ashley Earley added 17 points for Vanderbilt (24-7)

Kendra Wecker led Kansas State (24-8) with 29 points.

Stanford 88, Utah 62: At Fresno, Calif., Brooke Smith scored 20 points to lead five players in double figures and the top-ranked Cardinal cruised to their 22nd straight victory

Stanford (31-2), seeded second. will play the winner of Tuesday night's Connecticut-Florida State game on Sunday in Kansas City. Kim Smith led Utah (26-8) with

### Chattanooga Regional

Georgia 70, Texas 68: At Dallas, Tasha Humphrey scored 26



Arizona State's Kylan Loney leaps into the arms of Aubree Johnson after their 70-61 win over Notre Dame in a second-round NCAA tournament game Monday in Fresno, Calif. Loney scored 20 points.

points and Cori Chambers had 15 to lead sixth-seeded Georgia to its second victory of the season over third-seeded Texas (22-9)

Georgia (24-9) advanced to the round of 16 for the third straight year and the 15th time in 21 appearances. The Lady Bulldogs will face the winner of Tuesday night's Duke-Boston College game on Saturday in the Chattanooga Regional semifinals.

Texas' Heather Schreiber tried to win the game with a three-pointer at the buzzer but the shot hit the corner of rim. The Longhorns' Tiffany Jackson tied her career high with 30 points, but her tving attempt with 12 seconds remaining was blocked.

## Philadelphia Regional

Texas Tech 80. Middle Tennessee 69: At Dallas, Alesha Robertson scored 25 points, and Cisti Greenwalt added 19 for fourth-seeded Texas Tech (24-7)

Texas Tech, in the round of 16 for the 11th time, will face the winner of Tuesday night's Tennessee-Purdue game on Sunday in Philadelphia.

Holmes, who hit the winning iumper with 1.6 seconds left Saturday in 12th-seeded Middle Tennessee's 60-58 victory fifth-seeded North Carolina State, scored 25 points for the Lady Raiders (24-9).

# Women's NCAA tournament

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# Panthers put UW-Milwaukee on map

# No. 12 seed carrying banner for underdogs in tournament

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE
efore last weekend, Wisconsin-Milwaukee was
best known for being
the school the late Israetended.

For "Happy Days" aficionados, it's where Richie Cunningham, Potsie Weber and Ralph Malph hit the books when they weren't hanging out at Arnold's Drive-in.

Now the No. 12 Panthers are the lowest seed remaining in the NCAA tournament, holding the banner for all the mid-majors who dream of knocking off the big basketball schools like Alabama and Boston College, both of which fell to Bruce Pearl's pressing Panthers, champions of the Horizon League, last week in Cleveland.

UWM is a commuter school of 25,000 that has gone from NAIA Division II to NCAA Division I in a little more than a decade.

When athletic director Bud Haidet was hired in 1988, he counted 65 fans at his first basketball game and many of them mistakenly handed back the pom-pons he gave them on their way into the arena.

Now, UWM is taking some of the spotlight off Marquette, just six miles away, which went to the Final Four two years ago, and the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where the Badgers, under former Panthers coach Bo Ryan, are also in the Round of 16.

There wasn't a lot of buzz on campus Monday, however, because spring break just started. "We only have one dormitory but I still feel the support, I've gotten lots of e-mails," guard Ed Mc-Cants said. About 50 people, mostly friends and family, greeted the Panthers at Mitchell International Airport upon their triumphant return Sunday

On Monday, players entering the Klotsche Center to practice weren't met by a throng of fans but by two men seeking autographs on four deflated basketballs, items that might very well end up on eBay.

"It's quieter than usual today except for you guys," forward Adrian Tigert said of the 50 or so reporters who converged on the camous.

Some students gathered at the campus bookstore to buy commemorative T-shirts, among them Nicole Dzomba of Milwaukee.

"It's real exciting, it's very cool," she said as she picked out a yellow T-shirt. "I think everyone's happy but nervous, too."

Other students raced to the ticket office to put their names in for the 1,250 tickets made available to the school for the Panthers' next game, against top-ranked Illinois on Thursday in the Chicago Regional.

Pearl hoped the biggest crowd of reporters to gather at one of his practices would ask about the David vs. Gollath story line. He wanted to rave about his stars, McCants and Joah Tucker. He preferred to talk about how no No. 12 seed has ever beaten a No. 1 seed.

"We're trying to do something that's never been done. We're trying to make history," he said.

He even pitched a story about Illinois coach and Milwaukee native Bruce Weber playing his alma mater, where he unsuccessfully tried out for the UWM baskethall team



Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl watches practice Monday in Milwaukee. The Panthers upset Alabama and Boston College; they face No. 1 seed Illinois on Thursday in the Chicago Regional semifinals.

But what just about everyone wanted to know was Pearl's latest thoughts on the Deon Thomas scandal at Illinois 16 years ago.

Pearl was an assistant at Iowa when he secretly taped a conversation with Thomas during which the player appeared to confirm that Jimmy Collins, then an assistant at Illinois, had offered him \$80,000 and an SUV to sign with the Illini.

Thomas has always denied the allegations and the school was cleared of them, but the 16-month investigation found several other infractions and Illinois was barred from 1991 postseason play by the NCAA.

ESPN's Dick Vitale criticized Pearl for committing "career suicide"

cide."

To this day, Collins, now the coach at Illinois-Chicago, refuses

to shake Pearl's hand.

But Pearl said he would do
what he did again.

"Regrettably, I would because of principle and I'm a bit of an idealist," Pearl said. "But a lot of people got hurt in that situation and it's unfortunate. ... I just knew what was happening and the folks at the University of Iowa wanted me to document it."

Pearl said his only regret is "if it's taking away from UWM and these players."

This will be the first time Pearl has faced Illinois as a head coach, but he doesn't think that will put an end to all the talk about his role in the scandal.

"It's never going to go away."

he said.

Weber is aware of the acrimo-

ny many Illini fans and supporters still feel toward Pearl. "I've heard some things I can't

even say in the press conference," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said Monday. "I understand it and I'm not downplaying it. But at the same time, we need

to beat them to advance. That's the most important thing." Pearl said being a whistleblow-

er hasn't affected his ability to recruit in Chicago, however, and "we're still winning basketball games. Again, it's just not something new. Can you find one thing that's been reported new about this?"

At that point, Pearl was shown a copy of Monday's Chicago Tribune in which Thomas, who is now 34 and plays pro basketball in Israel, said Pearl was evil and called him a snake.

"That's not new," Pearl said.
"He had [a similar] reaction 16
years ago, it's not new. I read it
and I'm not going to respond to it,
OK?"

Pearl does know that he'll get plenty of boos from Illini fans and he said he doesn't fault them for that.

"I'm a good man and I'm a good father and I'm a good person," Pearl said. "But I was involved in something that did them harm, so I understand if they don't feel like Bruce Pearl is their favorite coach in the country."

# UNC-N.C. State game would rival 1983 matchup of ACC teams

BY CAULTON TUDOR Raleigh (N.C.) News & Observer

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The one time that two ACC teams met for an NCAA men's regional championship produced a game as memorable as any in league history — N.C. State's 63-62 win over top-seeded Virginia and Ralph Sampson in the 1983 West title game at Ogden, Utah.

We could see something like it Sunday.

If the Wolfpack defeat Wisconsin and North Carolina eliminates Villanova on Friday night in the Syracuse Regional, the ages-old rivals would play Sunday for a ticket to the Final Four.

It's difficult to imagine anything that could upstage that '83 game in Utah. Still, that was State against Virginia. A Carolina-State game, for Triangle buzz purposes, would rank among the most closely watched and popular ath-

## Commentary

letics events in the history of the state. State and Carolina almost

crossed paths during that '83 tournament.

The Tar Heels were favored against Georgia in the East Regional abornionship in when

gional championship in — where else? — Syracuse. State's players, having locked up a Final Four berth in Albuquer-

que, N.M., eagerly awaited another game against the Tar Heels. State had won two of the three previous meetings.

"Bring 'em on. That's the team we want to play," State star Dereck Whittenburg said after the Pack had beaten Virginia.

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But Georgia, inspired by Carolina center Sam Perkins' pregame
remarks, pulled an 82-77 upset.

"We held up our end of the deal," State's Cozell McQueen said, "but where's Carolina?" The Pack then whipped Geor-

gia and Houston for the championship.

Herb Sendek's Wolfpack and Jim Valvano's 1983 team share many traits: limited depth, a heavy emphasis on perimeter shooting, injuries throughout the year and a knack for keeping opposing offenses off balance.

But that playing style also describes Wisconsin.

The Badgers haven't won a game this season when an opponent has scored more than 70 points, but they've allowed that many only five times.

In a 69-64 victory early in the season, the Badgers held Maryland to 40 percent shooting and dominated the boards.

One thing is certain: State and

Wisconsin will play classroom basketball. The final score promises to be in the 50s or 60s with the final three or four possessions likely determining the outcome.

Almost everyone expects Carolina to reach Sunday's game. The Tar Heels have been running up points so fast that hardly anyone has noticed senior Jawad Williams' recent offensive slump.

While he has struggled, the Heels have relied more on freshman Marvin Williams, and the scoreboard has not gotten a rest.

Fifth-seeded Villanova, the last Big East team standing, will have to play without standout forward Curtis Sumpter, which complicates Wildcats coach Jay Wright's game plan. Sumpter, the team's No. 2 scorer and perhaps its best defensive player, is out with a knee injury.

But the pressure is on Carolina, and pressure is no one's ally in the NCAA tournament. Next to Illinois, the Tar Heels sit atop the hottest seat in the tourney when it comes to expectations. UNC destroyed Iowa State in the second round, but Villanova is rarely routed. Of its six losses, five were

The coaching staffs at Carolina and State at least have the luxury of some extra time to get ready for their regional semifinal games.

by six or fewer points.

The two teams know each other so well that they wouldn't have to worry about putting in a lot of preparation for the regional final if both teams advance.

And if State and UNC meet for the third time this season, you can expect a closer game than the Heels' 24- and 10-point victories Feb. 3 and 22, respectively.

The players can't look ahead, of course. But the fans can, and they'll have a ball doing so.

What a time it would be.

# **Fiery Chaney** will be back at Temple

By DAN GELSTON The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - John Chaney's loud, raspy voice will be heard in arenas across the country next season. Those near-perfect clothes and designer ties will again be left in

shambles after most games. The Temple coach known for giving scores of players ample opportunity to succeed is getting another chance of his own. Chaney will return to coach the Owls for another season, ending speculation about the Hall of Famer's future after a tumultuous conclusion to the season.

"This is just a reaffirmation of an agreement between Temple and John Chaney," athletic director Bill Bradshaw told The Associated Press in a phone interview Monday night. "There really wasn't anything different about this at all. There wasn't an earthshaking event or meeting."

The hoshum announcement was in stark contrast with the nearly month-long controversy surrounding the 73-year-old Chaney, who was suspended for five games for ordering

rough play by one of his players. "It's difficult to believe there are any other chapters to this," Bradshaw said. "This hasn't been underchronicled in any way

Angered by what he thought were illegal screens by Saint Joseph's, Chaney inserted seldom-used, 6-foot-8, 250-pound Nehemiah Ingram against the Hawks in a Feb. 22 game to "send a message

Ingram fouled Hawks senior John Bryant hard. Bryant slammed to the floor and broke his arm.

In a surreal postgame news conference, Chaney screamed at Atlantic 10 Commissioner Linda Bruno and defended his actions by referring to himself as a "mean, ornery son of a bitch

Chaney apologized to Bryant and his family and the Hawks forward returned to play in the NIT

Chaney originally self-imposed a one-game



Temple coach John Chaney (right), talking with guard Mark Tyndale, sent in players to commit hard fouls that left Saint Joseph's senior John Bryant with a broken arm last month.

ension the day after the St. Joe's game The school extended the suspension to the rest of the season when it was learned Bryant broke his arm. Chaney then extended it to the Atlantic 10 tournament

Assistant Dan Leibovitz went 3-2 in Chanev's place.

Chaney has a career record of 724-297 Among active coaches, only Bob Knight, Eddie Sutton and Lute Olson have more victories. Mike Krzyzewski is three wins behind Chaney. Bradshaw said the university and Chaney

would meet next fall to decide if Chanev wants to return for the 2006-07 season. "Today was more important as a response to

the media and the many questions more than it was about any internal evaluation," Bradshaw said. "I would say it's the status quo." When reached at his home Monday night.

Chaney declined to discuss his return for a 24th season with the Owls and 34th in college basketball.

"I'm not interested in talking to the media," Chaney said. "I have no comment."

Chaney, who won a Division II title during 10 seasons at Cheyney State, took the Owls to 17 NCAA tournaments from 1984 to 2001. But the Owls finished 16-14 this season and played in their fourth straight NIT.

Chaney, of course, is no stranger to controversy. He has a history of outrageous comments and insufferable antics, most notably threatening then-Massachusetts coach John Calipari during a postgame news conference.

Ultimately, Bradshaw and university president David Adamany decided Chaney's reputation as father figure to the scores of under-privileged players he's recruited and his string of 22 straight postseason appearances

were enough to earn him one more shot. "All of us in the athletic department are looking forward to turning the page," Brad-shaw said. "For all of us, this will be the clos-

ing chapter At least until the two city rivals play again next year.

# **Skills:** Bogut's passing lifts revived Utes

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"We haven't watched any film "Bogut said when reached by cell phone between classes. "But we're jelling as a team and it's certainly the right time of the year for us to be doing that."

Bogut made his way to Utah after former coach Rick Majerus recruited him from a distance. He had a decent freshman year then blossomed on the Australian national team in the Olympics, matching up well against the USA's Tim Duncan.

He was entertaining some pro offers from European teams when Giacoletti flew to Australia to talk him into playing with the Utes at least one more year

Bogut says he'll wait until the season ends to discuss leaving for the NBA. But, with possible top-pick money awaiting, it's a foregone conclusion he has only a few games left with the Utes.

Whether that last game comes Friday will likely depend on how much Bogut can involve his teammates in the offense once again The Wildcats have a pair of 7-foot reserves and they can afford to give away some fouls inside.

That means Bogut will likely be out on the high post again, hoping his supporting cast can play a good game of catch and shoot.

"I really like to find guys in the open," Bogut said. "I get a thrill out of throwing a good pass to a guy that scores

Bogut's fans back home in Melbourne aren't exactly studying their NCAA brackets to see who Utah would play if it beats Kentucky. It could be Duke, of course, with a Final Four spot to the winner.

"It's not that big in Australia." Bogut said. "Every now and then I'll be in the paper, but that's

# Davis still a Hoosier

Villanova's Sumpter sidelined

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. Mike Davis will remain Indiana's basketball coach, resolving doubts that persisted throughout the Hoosiers' disappointing season.

A written statement from athletic director Rick Greenspan included a warning that IU's 29-29 record over the past two seasons needs to improve. The Hoosiers went 15-14 this sea son, which ended with a 67-60 loss to Vanderbilt in the first round of the NIT

Greenspan said Tuesday that he and Davis met in recent days and are committed to returning Indiana basketball to the country's upper echelons

"While we share this common goal and are both confident that it will be reached, we also know that our record the last two years is not up to the standards to which Indiana is accustomed and to which we aspire,

we have set ambitious and achievable goals for next season of competing at a very high level in the Big Ten conference and successfully competing in the NCAA tournament.

Davis, who has three years left on his contract, has a record of 96-67 in five seasons since he took over for Bob Knight.

Davis led the Hoosiers to the 2002 national championship game during his second season, but his teams have missed the NCAA tournament the past two vears. Indiana's 14-15 record during the 2003-04 season was the school's first losing season since 1969-70.

"I think that our non-conference slate and our success in Big Ten play have only helped our basketball team to grow and mature," Davis said in the school's statement. "The future of Indiana basketball is certainly bright, and I am excited to be a part of it."

## BY DAN GELSTON

The Associated Press VILLANOVA, Pa. - When Cur-

tis Sumpter failed to return from a knee injury in the second half of Villanova's second-round NCAA tournament game, coach Jay Wright expected the worst. "He's the toughest guy I've

ever coached," Wright said. "I didn't know what happened, but I knew when he didn't play, that it was serious !

Sure enough, Wright was cor-

Sumpter will miss the rest of the NCAA tournament after a MRI exam Monday revealed that he has a torn ligament in his left

Villanova's starting forward was hurt in its second-round win over Florida on Sunday, leaving the game after 12 minutes after scoring eight points and twice tumbling to the court and clutching his left knee

"I'm not sad or upset." Sumpter

said. "These types of things happen every day. I'm just happy my team still got the job done."

Sumpter, the team's second-leading scorer (15.3 points) and leading rebounder (7.2 rpg) didn't play again instead cheering his teammates

"When it happened, I knew something was wrong," Sumpter tle funny. I thought I'd walk it off and I'd be fine.

Villanova (24-7) beat the fourth-seeded Gators 76-65 and advanced to its first regional semifinal since 1988. The fifth-seeded Wildcats will play No. 1 seed North Carolina on Friday night in Syracuse

"Our team has gone through this," Wright said. "We can still do it."

Wright said Sumpter has a history of not telling trainers how badly he's injured. The junior missed two games this season with a sprained right knee and

has worn a brace around that knee since returning against Georgetown on Jan. 15.

Sumpter, a second-team All-Big East selection, said the first time he was hurt against the Gators, he thought he had tweaked his knee wasn't really concerned about a serious injury. Sumpter said the second time, his knee just 'gave out" and he knew he was finished for the tournament.

"I kind of knew it was some thing serious because I never felt like that before." Sumpter said.

Sumpter's injury is a serious blow to the Wildcats, who are chasing their first national championship since 1985. Besides being Villanova's only legitimate presence in the post, Sumpter is versatile enough to swing out and play well from the perimeter, shooting 43 percent from three-point range (39-for-90).

Without their 6-foot-7 223-pound forward, the Wildcats will expect more minutes and production from Marcus Austin and Chris Charles.

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Utah's 7-foot Bogut has NBA scouts drooling

BY TIM DAHLBERG

The Associated Press

here are times when he acts like the tallest point guard in the country, and other times when he's merely the most dominating inside presence in the NCAA tournament

NRA executives salivate when his name is mentioned, though vou'd be hard-pressed to find many basketball fans east of the Rockies who knew much about him only a few weeks ago.

Without Andrew Bogut, Utah wouldn't even be playing this time of year, much less have an outside chance of making the Final Four.

He's a superstar who just happens to need four other players on the court with him, much like Gladys Knight needed the Pips or Tom Petty the Heartbreakers.

"I think all his teammates understand they're probably very fortunate to be playing with him Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said during a telephone interview Monday

They should, because if Bogut isn't everybody's player of the year, something is wrong with the balloting. If he's not the first pick in the NBA Draft in June, some general manager is sleeping.

This is a 7-footer so gifted that even his coach isn't telling him to come back for his junior year "He's going to make a lot of money for a lot of

years," Giacoletti said.

Bogut will make that money because he's one of those players who can dominate in many ways without having much of a supporting cast. That's so rare in college basketball that you'd have to go back to 1988 when Danny Manning led Kansas to a national title to see the similarities.

It showed on Saturday in Tucson, Ariz., when Bogut tied his season low with 10 points yet still managed to lead the Utes to a win over Oklahoma and a berth in the regional semifinals Friday against Kentucky.

The Sooners wanted to push Bogut around and beat him up in the low post, so

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Passing: Praised as one of the lost adept passers ever for a 7-footer, ogut had eight assists in Saturday sectory over Oklahoma and averaged 5 a game during the season, tops mong big men in the Mountain West.



Inside presence: Naturally, some-one of Bogut's dimensions can dominate near the basket. The sophomore led Divi-sion I players in rebounding (129 per game) and ranked second in the Mountain West Conference in blocked shots (1.9 per game).



Utah's Andrew Bogut: A man of many talents

Shooting: He was 12th in Div. I with a 62.9 field-goal percentage, eighth in MWC in ge, eighth in Mwc =, ows (71.1 percent)



Ball-handling: The Aussle is so talented with the basketball that he often operates as a point guard in Utah's half-court sets. That was the case against Oklahoma on Saturday when he was situated at the foul line.



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Skills

He's one of those players who can dominate in many ways without having much of a supporting cast.

Andrew Bogut, a sophomore from Australia, is a conser No. 1 draft pick in June's NBA Draft, and the top candidate to win national player of the vear honors. He has led Utah to the round of 16 for the first time since 1998.

seven assists, and he also managed to grab 11 rebounds. "Bogut made a lot of good passes. Oklahoma's Johnnie Gilbert said after the game. "I thought a lot of times we would pick it off, but somehow it got through.'

Bogut switched to the high post and

acted like a point guard, dishing off

passes to appreciative teammates for

easy baskets. He was credited with

Think about it. When is the last time you heard an opponent praising a 7-foot center's passing ability?

"He really has operated as a point guard all year,' Giacoletti said "Sometimes people just see he leads the country in double doubles. But every time he touches the ball something good happens for our team." On

Monday. Bogut was just another sophomore on his way to class. That is, if big, tall sophomores with thick Australian accents and shaggy haircuts are the norm in Salt Lake City.

Up in the Huntsman Center, Giacoletti and his assistants were working up a game plan for Kentucky, but Bogut didn't seem very concerned.

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